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The Bank of Canada has denied a report in British media that the bank's governor, Mark Carney, pictured in this CP file photo, has been approached to take over the same post at the Bank of England. The London Financial Times reported Tuesday a member of the Bank of England court had approached Carney about replacing incumbent Mervyn King in June. Carney was not available for comment. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Gatineau prof arrested in protest

Tuition fee hike. Professor trying to get to his office runs afoul of police guarding against protesters

A Université du Québec en Outaouais professor was arrested Tuesday inside the Gatineau school during a student protest, police and protesters say.

Thibault Martin, a professor in the social sciences department, was arrested while trying to get to his office, said his colleague, Prof. Charmain Levy.

She saw about 15 police officers blocking the doors to the hallway where social sciences professors have offices, preventing students and Martin from getting in, she said.

"Professor Martin was trying to get in and he did manage to squeeze through the door and three policemen jumped on him," she said.

"He did not provoke them in any way," she added. "He identified himself as a professor."

Police spokesperson Pierre Lanthier confirmed a prof was arrested shortly before 10:30 a.m. for obstructing police, but he was not ready to announce if charges had been laid.

A few hours later, another professor and a student identified as protesters were ejected from the building by police, but not arrested, said Lanthier. The protesters are banned from the school by a court injunction.

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‘My education is more important,’ student says of fee-hike protests

Tuition strikes. A proposal to hike Quebec post-secondary fees by $325 annually over the next five years has some hitting the streets while others hit the books

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College and university students across Quebec are rallying against Quebec Premier Jean Charest’s plan to hike tuition fees, but not every student agrees with the protest.

Université du Québec en Outaouais students who are not on strike attended class Tuesday, returning to their courses after the school was shut down yesterday by strikers who blockaded themselves inside.

Administration student Melissa Russell attended her classes and as she and other students left, walking through the line of the police, protesters jeered at them.

“They say ‘Me, myself and I,’” she said, translating the chant. “It’s because they are against the raise (in tuition fees) and they think we are (scabs), so they are mad at us.”

The chanting didn’t faze her.

“I don’t care about them. My education is more important than them,” she added.

Russell said she doesn’t agree with the strike or the strikers’ cause because she believes the school should improve and Université du Québec fees are low compared to tuition at other schools.

“I’m against the strike,” she said. “We want better services, better teachers, better everything. So we need to pay.”

Students stage a sit-in on Monday at Université du Québec en Outaouais in Gatineau to protest planned Quebec tuition-fee increases. Protests continued Tuesday, but not all students are striking. FRED CHARTAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mentoring program for native students wins award

Patricia Reynolds CONTRIBUTED

Carleton University’s mentoring program for aboriginal high-school students was among 30 initiatives to win a grant at Ashoka Canada’s Changemakers awards on Tuesday.

The Aboriginal High School Mentorship program received a $1,000 grant for its work at Odawa Urban Aboriginal Alternative High School and Rideau High School.

Patricia Reynolds, program co-ordinator, said the program was developed in response to aboriginal students who struggle in high school.

The university employs six mentors spread across the two schools who offer tutoring and life-skills coaching to aboriginal students.

“Every single positive aboriginal role model, socially and academically, that comes into their life gives them an increased chance of educational success,” Reynolds said.

Grants valued at $1,000, $2,500 and $5,000 were handed out to 29 other initiatives across Canada that support First Nations, Métis and Inuit education. Ashoka, a philanthropic organization of social entrepreneurs, honoured the winners in Gatineau.

Other local winning initiatives include Actua in the North and Just Move It.

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On the web

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Beau's to brew batch of man's ale

Winning beer. Judges' feedback suggests home batch stood out for fitting American Pale Ale style

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A competition pitting beers made by Ottawa home-brewers against each other at Beau's All Natural Brewing Co. last Saturday, will see the Vankleek Hill brewery make more than 1,700 litres of a recipe by winner Patrick Boisvenue.

"It's quite surprising. It's the first competition I've entered," said Boisvenue, a computer engineer who has been making five-gallon home batches for the past eight years. "The home brewer's dream is to brew beer with their hometown brewery."

Boisvenue won for an amber coloured 5.1 per cent alcohol American Pale Ale he calls Citra Session Ale. "It's not rich and roasty. Some micro brew beers you have one and you can't have anymore," he said. "I like beer to drink and sometimes you want to have more than just one, like when you're watching the game."

"Getting the recipe is the simple part and having good ingredients is important," Boisvenue said, "but doing things at the right temperature and for the right amount of time is where the magic happens."

Beau's co-founder Steve Beauchesne, said the brewery will create a full commercial batch with it's own marketing campaign and logos and that Boisvenue will get to work alongside head brewer Matthew O'Hara to produce it.

"The competition was a lot of fun," Beauchesne said. "Some of the beers weren't the greatest, but there were a few that were good enough to rival any commercial operation."

Ottawa's home brewing community has been growing rapidly in the past couple years, Beauchesne said, and he receives 200 back and forth emails a day about beer making from a local online homebrew club called Members of Barleyment, of which Boisvenue is a member.

The winning beer should be set to launch at Vankleek Hill's Octoberfest, Beauchesne said, and will be available in bars and through Beau's home delivery service.

Patrick Bouisvenue poses with his winning brew, Citra Session Ale, which took first at Beau's brewery's Ottawa homebrew competition. GRAHAM LANKTREE/FOR METRO

Premier Dad left red-faced over brothel bunnies

Premier Dalton McGuinty
MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nevada's famously friendly bunnies aren't welcome in Premier Dad's Ontario.

Premier Dalton McGuinty seemed a bit confused this morning when asked about the Moonlite Bunny Ranch eyeing Toronto for a new brothel.

He asked the reporter to explain what a Bunny Ranch was.

Informed that it was a Nevada brothel, a red-faced McGuinty laughed nervously and looked for a way out.

He responded: "We're not going there. Next question."

The brothel, which is the subject of the television series Cathouse, is considering Toronto after the courts struck down Canada's bawdy-house laws.

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GG shines spotlight on Caring Canadians

Award. Volunteers honoured at Rideau Hall ceremony

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The Governor General is challenging a select group of Canadians to talk about themselves more often.

"Use the brilliance of your light — your inspiring stories — to encourage more Canadians to volunteer," said David Johnston before presenting 28 outstanding volunteers from across the country with Caring Canadian Awards.

One of the recipients was Robert Gould. He's a retired engineer and lawyer from Ottawa, but was recognized for his work as a magician, puppeteer and ventriloquist.

Gould has spent years performing for kids in hospitals and raises money for numerous charitable causes by hosting upscale benefits. All his volunteer work has a common denominator: "You feel that you're doing the right thing for as many people as you can and, somewhat selfishly, making yourself feel good by doing it," he said.

Barbara McMurray of West Hill, Ont., was given her award for starting the Chosen Soldier Project, which matches soldiers with volunteers who send care packages full of the things the soldiers miss from home. Popular items include magazines, lip balm and the most-missed item — beef jerky, she said.

McMurray has always worked in public service — as a Salvation Army officer and a librarian.

"I think, maybe, it's because I'm interested in people. I enjoy people," she said. "My mom always encouraged us to be involved in the community. I guess it's a natural bent."

Norma Geggie, of Wakefield, Que., has spearheaded numerous volunteer projects. One of the best-known is Wakefield Grannies — a group of women who correspond with, and raise money for, a group of grandmothers in South Africa whose children died in the HIV epidemic and who must now care for their grandchildren on their own.

Geggie also helped get affordable housing built locally for seniors and recently began working toward a palliative-care facility in the Wakefield area.

She's "87 and counting," and shows no sign of stopping.

"It's very stimulating," she said of her volunteer work. "I think you get as much out of it as you give."

Barbara McMurray. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Norma Geggie. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Robert Gould. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Gov. Gen. David Johnston speaks at Rideau Hall

Queen's Park

NDP eyes ban on flavoured tobacco

The Ontario government is being urged to implement yet another ban on candy-flavoured tobacco products.

New Democrat France Gelinas says a 2010 ban on cigarillos with flavours like chocolate and cherry hadn't even taken effect when industry found a way around the current law.

Companies simply added more tobacco and removed the filter to skirt the law, so Gelinas is introducing another bill to ban all candy-flavoured tobacco products, including new lozenges and sticks. She says they smell so good and look so much like candy they appeal to everyone, especially young people.

Gelinas says even the packaging is designed to appeal to kids and she suspects parents would never take them for tobacco products when spotted in their kids' backpacks. METRO

Research

Big moms equal big babies, says study

Gaining excessive weight during pregnancy puts the unborn child at risk of becoming obese later in life, warns a new study from the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Women of average weight who gain more than 25 pounds and overweight women who gain more than 11 pounds are significantly more likely to give birth to a child with increased fat stores in their body that they will carry for life, says the study.

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on Tuesday at the Caring Canadian Awards ceremony as his wife Sharon, foreground, watches. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Scruffy, prickly, itchy: It's all for a good cause

Men everywhere have an excuse to get scruffier than usual and it's not just because the playoffs are on right now.

Some will be growing their beards for the second edition of the National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) Beard-a-thon in support of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

As the hair grows thicker and gets itchier, entrants will try to collect as many pledges from supporters as they can.

Michael Bibby has more than one reason to raise funds this year.

Several of his family members have been affected by heart-related complications, including his son who had open-heart surgery at the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario just before his fourth birthday.

Bibby is a heart-attack survivor, his father has had quadruple-bypass surgery and his mother has had several strokes.

"Every time I tell our family story somebody else has a story to tell as well, and I think all those stories would be much different if we didn't have organizations like the Heart and Stroke Foundation," said Bibby.

Former Ottawa Senators player Rob Zamuner, left, and heart-attack survivor Michael Bibby show off their fake bears at the kickoff of the 2012 National Hockey League Players' Association (NHLPA) Beard-a-thon. JOE LOFARO/METRO

This is his first time participating in the Beard-a-thon and he hopes to raise $25,000.

Former Ottawa Senator Rob Zamuner helped kick off the 2012 edition at the Bell Sensplex in Kanata Tuesday alongside Bibby.

His father suffered from a heart attack seven years ago and he said it can happen to anyone regardless of age or level of physical activity.

"Hopefully we can get more and more research and increase awareness (about) how to better everything around heart and stroke disease," said Zamuner.

Organizers hope to top the 2011 fundraising total of $200,000 and get more participants this year.

If you can't grow a beard for one reason or another, fans can visit beardathon.ca to grow a virtual one and collect pledges from supporters.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Stafford trial. Rafferty 'very upset' after police interview, court hears

As the police investigation into the disappearance of eight-year-old Victoria Stafford turned to Michael Rafferty, he was contacting an autowrecker, getting rid of his BlackBerry and complaining that he was being investigated, court heard Tuesday.

Police had their eye on Terri-Lynne McClintic, one of several women Rafferty was dating at the time, almost immediately after Tori vanished outside her Woodstock, Ont., elementary school on April 8, 2009.

Rafferty's name didn't come up for several weeks, and when two officers showed up at his house the evening of May 15 to interview him about Tori's case and ask him about McClintic, he was evidently not pleased.

Joy Woods, one of at least six women Rafferty met through dating website Plenty of Fish and started seeing after April 8, testified Tuesday that Rafferty was "very upset" when he called her on May 16.

"He seemed to feel that the police were blaming him for taking Tori," Woods said.

The Crown alleges McClintic snatched Tori outside her school at Rafferty's urging, then he drove the girl more than 100 kilometres north to a secluded farmer's field where she was sexually assaulted and killed. McClintic is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty two years ago to first-degree murder.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

His trial, now in its seventh week, heard Tuesday that on May 11 Rafferty made two calls to an autowrecker's shop in London, Ont., and went there that afternoon. There was no evidence about why Rafferty contacted them or what was discussed.

On May 14 he went to a Bell store to get a new BlackBerry, telling the sales associate that the battery wasn't lasting very long and he was having trouble with his chargers, court heard. He was given a loaner phone that day.

Rafferty told Woods that he was getting a new phone because his old one got wet, but Bell documents show there were no signs of liquid damage to the BlackBerry.

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Tories block passing of anti-bullying bill

Time crunch. With only 37 debating hours left in the House, there is fear the anti-bullying bill won't be passed in time for the next school year

A portrait of Mitchell Wilson is ignored during a media scrum after a boy who was accused of mugging Mitchell was found not guilty. Mitchell later committed suicide and his story has become a cause celebre in the anti-bullying movement. KATE ALLEN/THE TORONTO STAR

A new law aimed at curbing bullying in Ontario schools is being stalled over political infighting at Queen's Park.

There is fear an anti-bullying bill created after two high-profile suicides won't be in place for the start of the next school year due to bickering among the parties.

For weeks, the Progressive Conservatives have blocked debate on all new laws, including the act that expels students who bully, to protest the government's handling of the ORNGE air ambulance scandal.

PC House Leader Jim Wilson insisted they are not picking on the Accepting Schools Act.

"We are not singling it out," Wilson said.

However, the Tories are using delay measures, such as ringing the Legislative bells when the House sits, to protest the lack of a broader, more powerful select committee to investigate ORNGE. Currently, there is a financially focused committee holding hearings but it doesn't have the same powers, they argue.

"We will continue to ring bells and use whatever tactics we can on our side to delay government legislation of all types until they at least come to us and talk to us on a select committee," Wilson said.

But precious time is being wasted, said Liberal House Leader John Milloy.

There are only 37 hours of debate left in the House to discuss new laws and eight hours must be allocated for the budget, he explained. If the budget does not pass on April 24, the minority Liberal government could fall and plunge the province into an election.

"A lot of kids and educators are very anxious for this bill and the Tories aren't even debating it," said Milloy.

"They are ringing bells and playing silly games. We are at our wit's end."

The New Democratic Party called the PCs' behaviour "irresponsible."

"We need to get on in dealing with this issue because the lives of our children are at stake," said NDP MPP Peter Tabuns. "Let's get on with it."

The anti-bully bill was created after the suicide deaths of Ottawa's Jamie Hubley and Pickering's Mitchell Wilson. Hubley, a 15-year-old gay teen, was bullied at school and so was Wilson, an 11-year-old with muscular dystrophy.

Wilson had been mugged by other kids for his iPhone and feared facing his accusers in court. Wilson's father found him with a bag tied around his head on what would have been his first day of Grade 6.

Bill 13 has faced some public scrutiny as a section of the legislation allows for all publicly funded schools to host gay student clubs.

But the Tories feel all children should be able to have clubs and not just one group, said PC MPP Elizabeth Witmer, who spent years working on her own anti-bullying legislation.

"We should make sure every child feels accepted and protect all the children," she said.

Education Minister Laurel Broten said she has offered to work with the Tories on combining both bills. However, she accused the Tories of not cooperating.

"I want this protection in place for Ontario students come September," said Broten.

Broten argued she has reached out to Witmer, had conversations with her and confirmed to her in writing what she wants to take out of the Tory bill and put in the Liberal legislation.

She added she has met with Witmer and PC MPP Lisa MacLeod over the act and thought everyone agreed to work together to quickly pass the bill through the initial stages so it could be publicly debated at committee.

"I have made many, many attempts to work with Mrs. Witmer. I'm sad procedural games are being played and students' interests aren't being put first," said Broten.

There have been meetings but Broten isn't prepared to move very far in changing the act, said Witmer.

The ORNGE hearings continue Wednesday.

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Ottawa city councillor Allan Hubley poses with life last year. CONTRIBUTED

his son Jamie in this family photo released on Monday Oct. 17, 2011. Bullying was part of the reason Jamie took his own

Transit should be NCC priority: Prof

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Citizens will get their say about the National Capital Commission's plans for the future in its Horizon 2067 strategy and its ideas for Ottawa's light rail transit project Wednesday night.

But one Ottawa professor says the commission needs to focus on transportation between Ottawa and Gatineau.

Gilles Paquet, an expert in public management and a professor at the University of Ottawa's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, said he hopes the public brings transportation up at the NCC's annual public meeting where the organization is welcoming citizens to learn more about its initiatives and directly address its board members with ideas and comments.

Gilles Paquet. CONTRIBUTED

"There has been very, very timid action taken by the NCC over the past few years on the key issue of transportation," he said. "They've had a number of interesting improvements in doing business by offering these public consultations, but the substance of what they've achieved is very minimal."

The hundreds of buses that clutter the bridges between Ottawa and Gatineau on a daily basis, Paquet said, are creating chaos on the roads and hindering the growth of the city.

"We still live in the chaos and nothing has been done to coordinate starting work on the both sides of the river," he said. "I would rather hear they're working on a light train that links Ottawa and Gatineau. Then we would have a real transportation hub."

At the meeting, a presentation by NCC CEO Marie Lemay will detail the upcoming steps that are part of the Horizon 2067: Plan for Canada's Capital study in which the organization is trying to envision the city's future, said NCC spokesman Mario Tremblay.

Join the NCC's Board of Directors Meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. and Annual Public Meeting from 7 p.m. to 9:30 pat NCC Headquarters at 40 Elgin St. in room 324.

The NCC's Board of Directors and Annual Public Meetings are being held Wednesday at NCC headquarters. CONTRIBUTED

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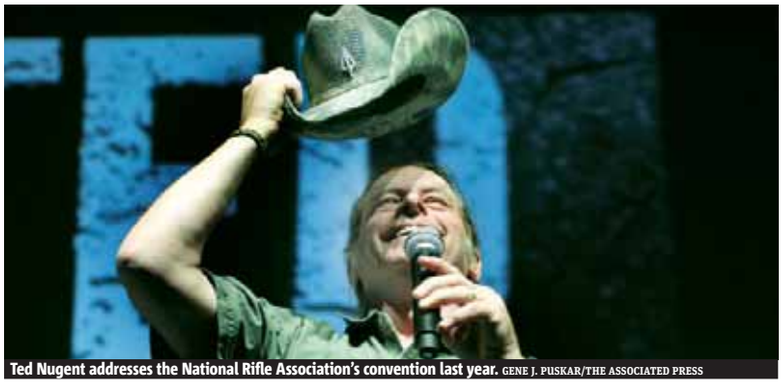

Ted Nugent addresses the National Rifle Association's convention last year. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rocker's anti-Obama rant being probed

Lashing out. Ted Nugent tells NRA that the president is "evil"; secret service investigating speech

The U.S. Secret Service is reportedly investigating faded '70s rock star Ted Nugent for his recent insistence he'll be "dead or in jail" in a year's time if President Barack Obama is re-elected in November.

At a convention of the National Rifle Association over the weekend, the long-time gun advocate compared Obama and the Democrats to a coyote who should be shot.

"It isn't the enemy that ruined America," he said as he reaffirmed his endorsement of Republican front-runner Mitt Romney.

"It's good people who bent over and let the enemy in. If the coyote's in your living room pissing on your couch, it's not the coyote's fault. It's your fault for not shooting him.

"If Barack Obama becomes the president in November again, I will either be dead or in jail by this time next year," he said angrily. "We need to ride into that battlefield and chop their heads off in November."

Quotable

"Threatening violence — or whatever it is that Nugent's threatening — is clearly beyond the pale, but Nugent's not the one running for president."

Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Democratic National Committee
Calling on Mitt Romney to condemn Nugent's remarks

The Secret Service says it's aware of the weekend remarks and is looking into them.

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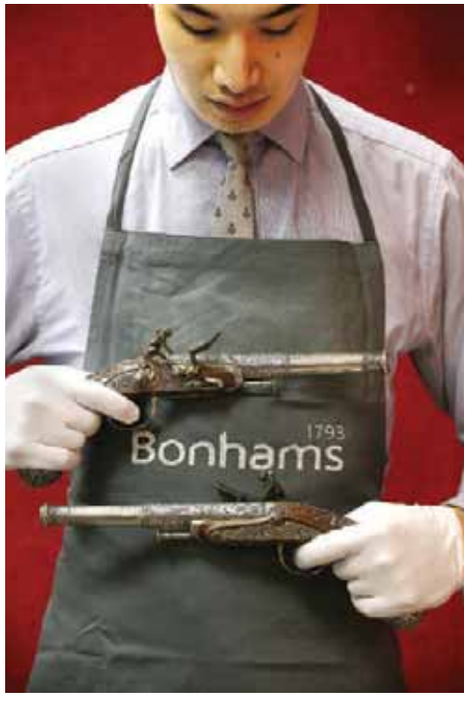

Gun show in his sight

Sale room assistant Victor Seaward holds a pair of Indian 28-Bore Silver-Mounted Flintlock Pistols at Bonhams Auctioneers on Tuesday in London, England. The pistols, circa 1785, are estimated at £30,000-£40,000, or $47,000-$63,000, and form part of the Antique Arms and Armour sale to be held on Wednesday. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

Prostitution

Condom evidence condemned

Advocates for sex workers want New York to become the first U.S. state to ban police officers from confiscating condoms as evidence in prostitution cases, saying it has a chilling effect on disease protection.

They say it has prompted some prostitutes to carry fewer or no condoms and have sex without them, despite massive government giveaways.

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Public nuisance

No sex on beach, officials declare

Nudity on the beach? Sure. Sex in the woods? No way.

Nudists from around the country have flocked to a section of the soft, sandy Wisconsin River shoreline for decades. But the fun doesn't stop at sunbathing — many people are slipping off into the woods for sex. But officials plan to close the woods around the beach to force people to show some decorum.

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Halifax beating victim tried to stop fight: Police

Good Samaritan. Police not ruling out hate crime as possible factor in well-known gay activist's death

ALY THOMSON
For Metro in Halifax

Ingrid Cottenden paints in front of a makeshift memorial to Raymond Taavel on Gottingen St. in Halifax yesterday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

A well-known activist in the Halifax gay community died a Good Samaritan early Tuesday morning after attempting to stop a fight between two men outside a bar, police say.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said Raymond Taavel intervened between his alleged assailant, 32-year-old Andre Noel Denny, and another man outside the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street.

"The suspect turned and then began assaulting him," said Palmeter. "A passerby saw the injured man and the man running and was able to lead us in the direction to help us locate him."

Denny was found a short time later hiding in a nearby alley and police are treating the 49-year-old Taavel's death as a homicide, said Palmeter.

He'll appear in Halifax provincial court today charged with second-degree murder.

Police also would not say if the incident relates to a hate crime. Menz Bar is a gay bar in the city's north end.

"There has been speculation online and in the community that this was a hate crime," a statement by police read. "While we cannot provide specific information about the case as it is still under investigation, police have spoken to a number of witnesses and are considering all possibilities with respect to the motive."

Denny was a patient at the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Dartmouth and failed to return to the facility following an unescorted leave on Monday. He was in the hospital after being found not criminally responsible on a charge of assault causing bodily harm from Sydney.

Court documents from 2009 describe Denny as suffering from paranoid schizophrenia and "being grossly psychotic" with a history of "aggressiveness, impulsivity and unpredictability."

Assault. Raymond Taavel wrote of previous gay-bashing in 2010

Raymond Taavel, a Halifax activist, died Tuesday after attempting to break up a fight. FACEBOOK

Tuesday's early-morning beating was not the first time Raymond Taavel was assaulted, according to a chilling article written by the victim himself two years ago in Wayves Magazine.

In the May 2010 article, Taavel, a former editor of the LGTB magazine, published a first-person account of his encounter with two men at a local pizza shop.

The 49-year-old, who died yesterday after being assaulted outside a bar on Gottingen St. in Halifax yesterday, wrote that he was confronted about being gay while waiting in line at The Big Slice at Halifax's "pizza corner" on May 17.

After admitting he was gay, Taavel wrote that he then received a "backhand" to the head from one of the men.

In the article, he described his reaction.

"Shock, fear, bewilderment, anger. These were some of the feelings that flashed through me as I glared a my assailant and his friend," Taavel wrote.

Taavel said he then called police and followed his assailant. He wrote that he felt "empowered" because he chose to act upon the attack.

"It reminded me that as a member of Halifax's LGBT community, I take my own safety for granted and I do so because I live my life freely and openly."

"I've been reminded firsthand via a backhand why I'll be marking May 17." METRO

Nova Scotia to propose legislation on online bullying

Nova Scotia Education Minister Ramona Jennex, right, seated beside Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk, with Industry Minister Tony at left, during a school visit in Dartmouth, N.S. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Legislation aimed at cyberbullying to be tabled Wednesday in the Nova Scotia legislature is being described by the education minister as a first step in the government's approach to bullying in schools.

Ramona Jennex announced the government's intention to bring forward amendments to the Education Act after the opposition Progressive Conservatives introduced three bills to combat bullying amid calls for faster government action from the family of a teen who committed suicide.

Jennex didn't reveal details about the legislation, but she said it would address recommendations set out by a task force on online bullying last month. She said the legislative changes would set the stage for further measures to deal with bullying in schools.

"Our legislation is really putting things in place and providing a framework ... for the continued work that we are doing," she said.

The family of Courtney Brown, a 17-year-old Parrsboro girl who took her own life in March 2011 after she had been bullied online, said they want the government to act quickly.

"When there are lives at stake, nothing is ever fast enough," said Tom Brown, Courtney's father.

The Brown family appeared at the legislature to support the Tory bill.

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Prevention

The Tory legislation would define cyberbullying in law and allow a series of fines to be levied.

- It would also hold parents liable if they are aware that a child is involved in online bullying and they fail to act to prevent it.

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Quebec construction magnate Tony Accurso is surrounded by media as he leaves a police facility in Montreal on Tuesday. PAUL CHAISSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombshells ahead after shock arrest?

Quebec jolted. Reclusive Tony Accurso is arrested with 13 others in a case with far-reaching political repercussions

A prominent Quebec construction magnate whose cosy ties to politicians and links to business figures have triggered allegations of scandal is facing six fraud-related charges in a case that could have far-reaching political repercussions.

Tony Accurso was among 14 people arrested by the anti-corruption unit of the Quebec provincial police in raids Tuesday.

The arrests could lead to an in-depth look into the murky world of contract bidding at the municipal and provincial levels.

Accurso, a major player in the Quebec construction industry, has seen his name surface in alleged construction scandals that have rocked the province for years involving municipal and provincial politicians and union bosses.

But the reclusive businessman had never been charged with anything — until being swept up in an alleged bribery scandal in Mascouche, in Montreal's northern suburbs.

Police say Accurso and others were involved in kickbacks and bribes exchanged for favourable contracts or privileged information key to the bidding process. Authorities say the practice has been going on for years.

Accurso faces six charges: fraud, conspiracy, influence-peddling, breach of trust and two counts of defrauding the government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Charter of Rights

Chrétien hits out at the 'culture of grievance' in Quebec

Jean Chrétien says Quebec politicians have cultivated a "culture of grievance" over their exclusion from the 1982 deal to patriate Canada's Constitution.

"They have a culture of grievance over it, not looking at the facts," Chretien said. But Quebecers have been benefiting from the Charter ever since, he declared.

The ex-prime minister was justice minister then and did much of the heavy lifting to negotiate the pact that brought home the Constitution, with a landmark Charter of Rights, 30 years ago Tuesday.

Chretien said 90 per cent of Quebecers favoured ending Canada's status as a "legal colony." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Student strife. 'Fascist' outburst sparks a fuss

A Quebec civil servant has been reprimanded for saying pro-fascist movements should be an inspiration in the fight against student protesters.

Bernard Guay is head of the tax office in the municipal affairs department.

Guay wrote said the "fascist movements" of the '20s and '30s should serve as inspiration in fighting students who are opposed to planned tuition hikes.

Municipal Affairs Minister Laurent Lessard called Guay's comments "inappropriate" and said action was taken against him. Lessard refused to elaborate. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police negotiate with masked students who barricaded themselves in the Université du Québec en Outaouais in Gatineau, Que. The students later left peacefully. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories' plan is praised and panned

Environment. Major overhaul of rules will create jobs, say feds. Nonsense, says NDP — the big companies will be winners

A major overhaul of environmental assessment rules for big projects will create jobs and growth, the federal government announced Tuesday.

The Tory announcement sparked resource industry praise and fierce criticism from environmental groups.

First signalled in last month's budget, the government said proposed new rules would encourage investment by avoiding wasteful duplication and setting strict time limits for project reviews.

"We intend to focus federal assessment efforts on major projects that can have significant environmental effects, such as energy and mining projects," Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver said.

"Streamlining the review process … will attract significant investment dollars and give every region of our country a tremendous economic boost."

The plan calls for three organizations — the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency, the National Energy Board and the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission — to conduct reviews, down from 40 government departments that can currently be involved.

But Opposition New Democrats and environmental groups accused the Conservative government of ramming through legislation that would "rubber-stamp" assessments to the benefit of large corporations.

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End of an era?

"This is really a weakening of key environmental protection measures that have been in place for decades. It's meant to pave the way for Big Oil to get what it wants."

Gillian McEachern,
with Environmental Defence.

Natural Resources Minister Joe Oliver takes a question during a Toronto-area news conference Tuesday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

O Canada … we're oh, so proud of you

That tiny Maple Leaf flag on a child's cheek says it all. Five-year-old Andromeda Bromwich on Tuesday shows that even youngsters like to show off their pride in Canada. Andromeda and Liberal interim leader Bob Rae are pictured as they took part in a dance to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in downtown Ottawa. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Internet. Mom, dad are Facebook snoops: Survey

More than 50 per cent of the Canadian parents surveyed for a study on online safety admitted they secretly access their teenager's Facebook account.

According to a survey conducted in 11 countries by security company AVG, the global average of snooping parents was 44 per cent.

Still, Canadian parents were less likely to spy on their teens than those in the U.S. and Spain, where 61 per cent admitted to monitoring Facebook covertly.

When accounting for the results from all countries, mothers were more likely than fathers to do the cyber-stalking.

About 49 per cent of the moms admitted to doing so, compared to 39 per cent of dads.

Canadian parents were second most likely to be Facebook friends with their teens.

About 66 per cent said their kids had accepted their friend request, compared to 72 per cent in the U.S., and just 32 per cent in France and 10 per cent in Japan.

When it came to worries about online behaviour, about 38 per cent of Canadian parents said they worried their teen's actions on social networks could affect their future job, school or dating prospects, compared to 40 per cent in the U.S. and 42 per cent globally.

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Smoking. Tory cuts boost Big Tobacco, activists say

National health groups are condemning the Harper government for cuts to a federal non-smoking program.

Melodie Tilson, from the Non-Smokers Rights Association, says the cuts give tobacco companies the upper hand in influencing future health policy decisions.

"Why would the Harper government gut a program that saves the lives of Canadians, saves government money and safeguards the health and well-being of our youth?" Tilson asked.

The federal budget cut $15 million — more than 30 per cent — from the Federal Tobacco Control Strategy, which has reduced the number of smokers across Canada.

The winner?

"Consider who wins by this decision. The only winner — and they are big winners — is Big Tobacco."

Melodie Tilson,
Non-Smokers Rights Association.

But Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq listed several government anti-smoking initiatives, including warning labels on cigarette packaging, a national hotline for people who want to quit smoking and a ban on small, flavoured cigarettes targeted at youth.

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Secret Service probe to begin

Scandal. U.S. Secret Service and military are being investigated for soliciting prostitutes

Fallout from a Secret Service prostitution scandal ricocheted around the nation's capital Tuesday, with congressional and military investigators digging into the situation more deeply and the White House facing questions about the competency of the agency designed to protect President Barack Obama's life.

At least 20 women were involved in last weekend's incident with Secret Service agents, U.S. military personnel and prostitutes at a Colombian hotel just before Obama arrived for a regional summit, a senator briefed on the situation said. The agency has referred the matter to an independent government investigator, according to a second senator.

The scandal has become a widening embarrassment for the Obama administration and the fresh flurry of activity squashed White House hopes that the matter could be left behind in Colombia once Air Force One was wheels up.

The focus fell Tuesday on Secret Service director Mark Sullivan, who shuttled between meetings at the Congress outlining what his investigators in Washington and in Colombia have found about the incident.

Lawmakers peppered Sullivan with questions, chief among them: who were the women the agents allegedly had in their rooms, and did the women have access to sensitive information that could have jeopardized the president's security.

At the White House, Obama was asked at the conclusion of a Rose Garden event whether he believed Sullivan should resign. The president ignored the shouted inquiries; his spokesman later said Obama had confidence in Sullivan.

"Director Sullivan acted quickly in response to this incident and is overseeing an investigation as we speak into the matter," White House press secretary Jay Carney said.

On Thursday, 11 Secret Service agents were recalled to the U.S. from Colombia and placed on administrative leave after a night of partying that allegedly ended with at least some bringing prostitutes back to their hotel. On Monday, the agency announced that it also had revoked their security clearances.

At least 10 U.S. military personnel staying at the same hotel also were being investigated for their role in the alleged misconduct.

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Conflicting accounts

"Some are admitting (the women) were prostitutes; others are saying they're not."
Peter King, Republican Representative

Romney facing heat again for strapping dog to roof

Bad publicity. Ann Romney defends their treatment of family pet

The sorry tale of Seamus, the Irish setter who spent 12 stressful hours atop Mitt Romney's station wagon on a road trip to Canada, is back in the spotlight after the Republican front-runner and his wife faced questions about the 1983 incident in a high-profile prime-time interview.

"The dog loved it," a laughing Ann Romney told ABC's Diane Sawyer in an interview earlier this week.

"He would see that crate and, you know, he would go crazy because he was going with us on vacation. It was to me a kinder thing to bring him along than to leave him in the kennel for two weeks."

Sawyer, however, questioned the extent of Seamus's enjoyment as he sat in a windy crate on the roof of the car for 12 hours. She pointed out the dog had experienced intestinal distress during the drive from Boston to the Lake Huron community of Grand Bend, Ont., where the Romney family still owns a cottage.

According to a 2007 Boston Globe profile of Mitt Romney, his disgusted boys alerted their father to the fact that Seamus was suffering from diarrhoea as they made their way to the cottage.

Romney stopped at the next service station, hosed down the dog, the car and the carrier, returned Seamus to his stoop and continued to Canada.

Ann Romney said the dog got sick only once travelling that way.

"We travelled all the time — and he ate the turkey on the counter. I mean, he had the runs," she said in an attempt to explain Seamus's stomach issues en route to Canada.

Seamus's plight was recounted to the Globe five years ago by one of Mitt Romney's five sons in an apparent effort to illustrate his father's crisis management skills.

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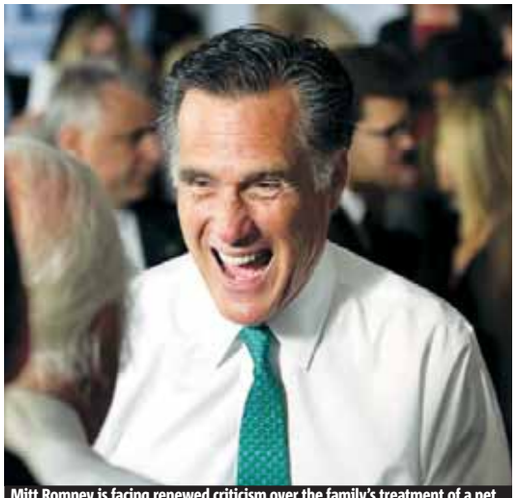

Mitt Romney is facing renewed criticism over the family's treatment of a pet after an interview. STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Child arrest

Tantrums illegal?

Police in Georgia handcuffed a kindergartner with her arms behind her back after the girl threw a tantrum. The police chief defended the action as a safety measure.

The girl's family demanded that their central Georgia city change policy so that other children aren't treated the same way. They say the child was shaken up by the ordeal.

While it's unusual to see a young child handcuffed in school, it's not unheard of. School officials around America have wrestled with the issue of when it's appropriate to call police on a student.

Salecia Johnson, 6, was accused of tearing items off the walls and throwing books and toys in an outburst Friday at Creekside Elementary School, according to a police report..

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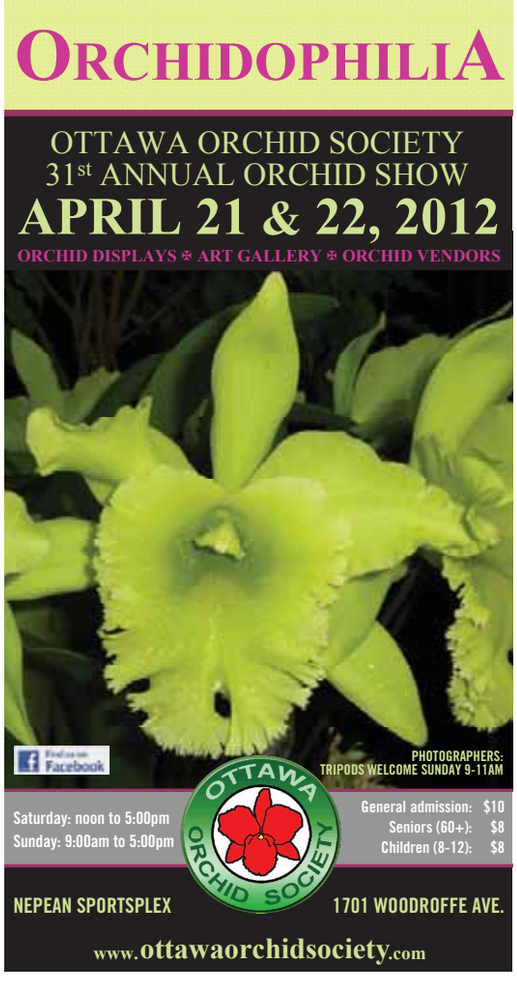


Jordan promises 'fair trial'. Britain may soon be able to deport radical

A radical Islamist cleric fighting deportation from Britain to Jordan was again behind bars Tuesday, and the U.K. said it hoped to finally expel the preacher after a decade of legal wrangling.

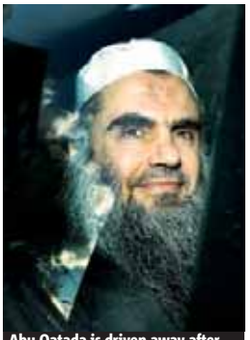
Home Secretary Theresa May said new assurances from Jordan to offer a fair trial to Abu Qatada, a Palestinian-Jordanian preacher described in Spanish and British courts as a leading al-Qaida figure in Europe, should allow the saga to end.

Authorities in Britain have been trying to expel the preacher since 2001, but after a lengthy legal battle the European Court of Human Rights ruled in January that Abu Qatada could not be deported to Jordan because of a risk that evidence obtained through torture would be used against him there.

Abu Qatada has previously been convicted in absentia in Jordan of terrorist offences related to two alleged bomb plots in 1999 and 2000, and he will face a retrial if deported from Britain.

The preacher was arrested on Tuesday by U.K. Border Agency officers and denied bail at a hearing at the Special Immigration Appeals Commission — a court that handles deportation and national security cases.

He had been freed in February following the European court's ruling, albeit on strict bail conditions.



Abu Qatada is driven away after being refused bail on Tuesday. MATT DUNHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Following two visits by British ministers to Jordan and telephone talks between Prime Minister David Cameron and Jordan's King Abdullah II, Britain had secured a series of pledges to address the European court's concerns, May said.

May said that Jordan had vowed that no information gleaned through torture would be used in the cleric's case and had changed its constitution to bar the use of such evidence.

Britain first attempted to deport Abu Qatada in 2001.

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Romania

Public funds used to finance a book featuring fascist leader

A Holocaust research centre in Romania says public funds were used to finance a children's poetry book that features on its cover Romania's Second World war fascist leader.

The National Institute for the Study of the Holocaust in Romania blasted a local council for helping publish the book by George Ungureanu, 100, a former member of pro-Hitler group active in Romania during the war.

The book has Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, founder of the fascist Iron Guard legion, on its cover.

Guard members gained notoriety for vicious anti-Semitism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shooter gives speech to courtroom in Oslo

Day 2 of Norway's mass killer trial. Anti-Muslim fanatic insists on finishing his whole diatribe, or not speaking at all

In a scene unimaginable in many countries, Norway's worst mass killer since ther Second World War gets to explain his fanatical views to the court and the world for days dressed up in a business suit.

Two days into Anders Behring Breivik's terror trial, the studied formality with which Norway's legal system deals with a confessed killer who rejects its authority is baffling to outsiders, even to some Norwegians.

On Monday, the day the trial started, Norwegian prosecutors and even lawyers representing the families of his 77 victims shook Breivik's hand as proceedings began.

On Tuesday, the 33-year-old far-right militant was allowed to give an hour-long address to the court, reading from a statement that summarized the anti-Islamic manifesto that he posted online before his bomb-and-shooting rampage nine months ago.

"The attacks on July 22 were a preventive strike. I acted in self-defence on behalf of my people, my city, my country," Breivik declared.

He was demanding to be found innocent of terror and murder charges. He set off a bomb outside the government headquarters in Oslo, killing eight, then drove to Utoya island outside the capital and massacred 69 people in a shooting spree at the governing Labor Party's youth summer camp on the island.

It was the most "spectacular" attack by a nationalist militant since the Second World War, he boasted.

The court's main judge interrupted Breivik several times Tuesday, asking him to get to the point, but let him continue after he threatened that he would either finish his speech or not speak at all.

"It is critically important that I can explain the reason and the motive" for the massacre, said Breivik.

Breivik, who has admitted the attacks, said it doesn't matter if he's sent to prison, because living in a country ruled by "multiculturalists" was a prison in itself. The main point of his defence is to avoid an insanity ruling.

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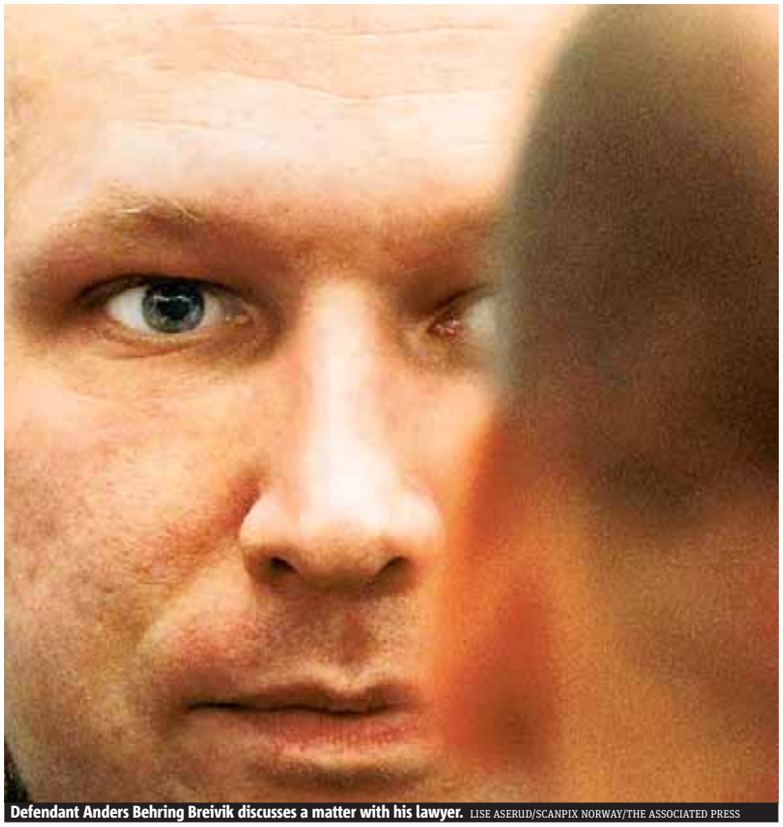

Defendant Anders Behring Breivik discusses a matter with his lawyer. LISE ASERUD/SCANPIX NORWAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Accused gives speech

"What I see happening in Norway with Breivik's statement is a trial about politics, not legal evidence," Jeff Kass, a reporter who wrote a book about the 1999 Columbine school shooting in the United States.

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The unique sound of space

Planetary phenomena. Scientists recreate the sounds of outer space by drawing on physics and mathematics

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News

In space, the saying goes, no one can hear you scream. But what does space itself sound like?

Scientists used the principles of physics and mathematics to recreate the sounds of Venus, Mars and Saturn's moon Titan. Using the different aspects of pressures, temperatures and atmospheres they replicated what various natural phenomena, like thunder and whirlwinds, would sound like.

"All these probes have gone to other worlds and they have brilliant cameras, but they never told us what other worlds sound like," Tim Leighton, professor of ultrasonics and underwater acoustics at the University of Southampton, told Metro. He spearheaded the planetary sounds project.

Leighton explained that things sound differently on different planets because of the different atmospheres on any given planet.

Using the example of human voice, the way we make sound while talking is simple. The speaker creates audible words by vibrating their vocal chords. The higher the pitch, the faster the vocal chords move. By sounding higher, it makes the speaker seem smaller.

When you listen to someone speak, there is a slight echo of every note you say that comes from inside your body and outside from your surroundings. This helps the listener perceive whether or not you are speaking in a big room or a tiny closet and how big of a creature you are.

Things change on different planets. On Venus, the pitch of someone's voice would drop from a soprano to a bass because they would have to push the thick, soupy atmosphere out of the way with the sound waves of their vocal projection. Also, because the speed of sound travels much faster on Venus, it would make the person sound smaller. You'd have to yell as well: The dense atmosphere would make it hard to hear.

"You'd sound like a bass Smurf," Leighton explained.

Titan

Sound of Saturn

Tim Leighton previously made headlines when he predicted what a waterfall of liquid methane would sound like on Titan.

When the Huygen's probe was sent to explore Titan for water in 2004, he wondered what would happen if all visual equipment failed on the craft from the impact of the crash. Leighton said the only way to find out if the probe hit water would be to listen for the splash or a surrounding waterfall, but it wouldn't sound like what we normally hear on Earth. Saturn's moon is especially interesting to researchers because it is the only other planet besides Earth where evidence of stable bodies of surface liquid have been found.

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Suspicions still abound in Egypt's deadly soccer riot

Top cops among those charged. 75 fans killed in February melee; victims mostly fans of Cairo's Al-Ahly team; most defendants fans of Port Said team

A defendant facing charges relating to soccer deaths reacts at trial. HOSSAM ALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fans charged in Egypt's deadliest soccer riot declared their innocence in the first session of their trial Tuesday.

And they directed their anger toward police, charged with collaborating in the killing of 75 supporters of a rival team.

Nine senior officers, including six police generals and a colonel, are among the 73 people charged in the case. The officers were present in the courtroom, dressed in traditional white defendant uniforms, but they were not held in the courtroom cage with the rest of those on trial.

If the police are convicted, it would further fuel widespread speculation that the country's much-despised Interior Ministry force allowed the bloody February 2012 attack on fans of a soccer club with which they have a long antagonistic history.

Most of the defendants are fans of Al-Masry, the main sports club in the Mediterranean city of Port Said, where the attack took place.

The majority of the victims were fans of a rival team, Cairo's Al-Ahly, whose supporters are credited with playing a major role in the 18-day popular uprising that toppled longtime President Hosni Mubarak last year.

Survivors of the attack charge that police allowed the attack by Al-Masry fans to deteriorate into bloodshed.

Others have suggested that former regime loyalists hired thugs to kill Al-Ahly fans. "Where is Mubarak?" the defendants chanted, reflecting their suspicion of the ousted regime.

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North Korea celebrates

A family poses for a picture in front of portraits of the late leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong-il at a festival for the "Kimilsungia" flower to mark 100 years since the birth of North Korea's late founder in Pyongyang, North Korea, Tuesday. VINCENT YU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chile

Harper, wife awakened by major quake

Prime Minister Harper and his wife Laureen were awakened by a major earthquake as they overnighted in the Chilean capital.

Buildings shook throughout the city at around 12:50 a.m. Tuesday in a 6.7 magnitude earthquake centred 112 kilometres from Santiago.

"The prime minister and his wife were at the hotel when the earthquake happened," said Harper's spokesperson. No Canadians were injured.

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Near Aspen

Cows take shelter and freeze

It may take explosives to dislodge a group of cows that wandered into an old ranger cabin high in the Rocky Mountains, then died and froze solid. They were discovered in March.

Rangers believe the animals sought shelter during a snowstorm and weren't able to find their way out.

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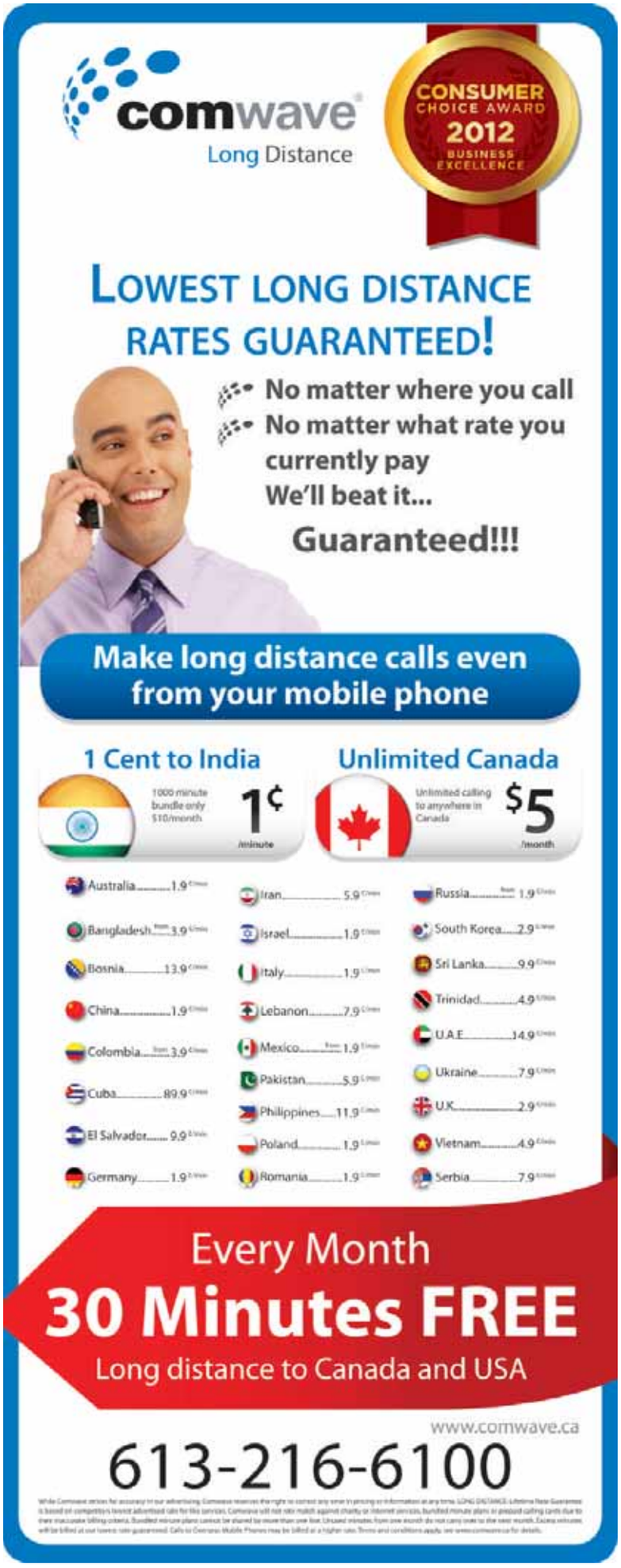

Oracle suits up to take on Google in court

Oracle CEO Larry Ellison, left, puts on his suit as arrives for a court appearance at a federal building in San Francisco on Tuesday. Oracle intends to rely heavily on Google's own internal emails to prove Google's top executives knew they were stealing a popular piece of technology to build the Android software that now powers more than 300 million smartphones and tablet computers. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surprising signal sends loonie higher

Clear message. Bank of Canada announcement to raise interest rates prompts rise in Canadian dollar

The Bank of Canada took markets by surprise Tuesday in sending a strong signal it is getting ready to raise interest rates based on improved prospects for the global and Canadian economies.

The hawkish statement sent the loonie immediately higher after the 9 a.m. ET release time, and it closed up 0.96 of a cent at 100.99 cents US.

As expected, the bank kept the trendsetting target rate at one per cent — where it has been since September 2010 — but it was the language in the accompanying statement that caught investors off guard.

"In light of the reduced slack in the economy and firmer underlying inflation, some modest withdrawal of the present considerable monetary policy stimulus may become appropriate, consistent with achieving the two per cent inflation target over the medium term," it said.

Bank of Montreal economist Douglas Porter said he was surprised bank governor Mark Carney would send such a clear intentions.

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Hawkish side

"This was ... a pretty serious amping up of the message ... And more surprising was the signal that rates will soon need to rise."

Douglas Porter, Bank of Montreal economist

Economic forecast

The bank says the Canadian economy will likely expand by 2.4 per cent this year, and will return to full capacity in the first half of 2013, three to six months ahead of pace.

- **By the numbers.** The bank is expecting growth to happen faster, but not necessarily be any stronger overall than its previous forecast.

Market Minute

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Natural gas: $1.951 US (-6.5¢)
Dow Jones: 13,115.54 (+194.13)

TSX 12,136.94 (+99.35)

OIL $104.20 US (+$1.27)

GOLD $1,651.10 US (+1.40)

Sears revamps operations

Returning products to Sears stores will get a lot easier starting next month, the company said Tuesday.

The national retailer will overhaul long-standing return policies that have sometimes left customers frustrated, new chief executive Calvin McDonald said Tuesday at the Sears Canada annual meeting.

Sears will scrap the 10-day return policies that have existed for years and it will also stop charging a 20 per cent restocking fee for big ticket items such as appliances, electronics and outdoor power equipment, among others.

The changes are part of a major revamp of operations at Sears Canada, which has been struggling to overcome losses as well as find its strategy ahead of an onset of new competition from discount retailers like Walmart and Target.

"When we look at the market, times are tough. Consumer confidence is low and unemployment is not getting dramatically better," McDonald told shareholders.

"There are a lot of reasons we can sit and point to how and why it's tough to grow top=line, but we don't look at those factors."

Instead, the company will focus on improving its product, store conditions and marketing, he said.

McDonald was brought on last summer to help reverse recent losses, and he immediately began an initiative to de-clutter the stores.

Last month, the company said three high-profile department stores in Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa would close by the end of October affecting some 670 jobs.

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Rogers. Rentals out

Rogers has officially bailed on the video store business.

In December, the company announced it was shuttering 40 per cent of its video shops as it continued to move away from selling and renting physical copies of DVDs, Blu-rays and video games.

Sian Doyle, Rogers's vice president of retail, said that the disappearance of more than 400 Blockbuster stores last year did little to boost its rental business.

On Tuesday, Rogers confirmed its more than 90 remaining video stores stopped renting movies and games late last week and are now in liquidation mode.

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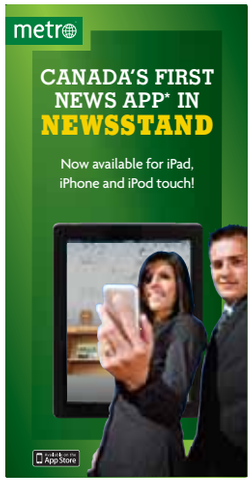

NATION'S SMARTEST IS A TIGER-CAT? WHO KNEW

JUST SAYIN'
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Apparently, I'm not Canada's Smartest Person.

This will not come as a great surprise to a long-suffering cadre of readers, friends, enemies and loved ones, but now it's confirmed:

Canada's Smartest Person is Peter Dyakowski, offensive lineman for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, who won the CBC-TV competition of the same name and is now enjoying his victory lap on the smart circuit.

For instance, next week, he appears at a Mensa Convention at the Marriott Gateway in Niagara Falls, where he will compete for gold in the Couch PotatOlympics and build a working model of a trebuchet.

For those of you who aren't so smart, that's a siege engine that fires stones at the ramparts.

Hmph.

I guess it will sound like sour grapes if I dare to ask why Canada's Smartest Person is wasting his time tinkering with trebuchets at a tourist trap instead of figuring out how to eliminate the deficit or cure cancer, but really.

And how did he get to be Canada's Smartest Person anyway? Did he threaten to bombard the CBC fortress on Front Street with rocks? Or does it have something to do with the fact that he is six-five and 325 pounds? He wants to be Canada's Smartest Person, let him be Canada's Smartest Person. Just don't make him mad.

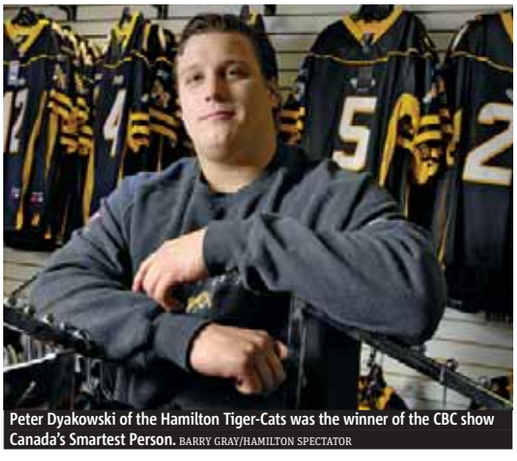
Turns out he endured 17 hours of taping that tested multiple dimensions of intelligence: physical, musical, logical, linguistic, visual and interpersonal. As the program progressed, he was so far ahead of the competition with two science brainiacs and a "spoken word artist," that the host of the show told him: "Peter, we don't care about your score anymore."

So, apart from the fact that Canada's Real Smartest Person is too busy to bother with a quiz show no matter how multidimensional, we have to concede that Peter won it fair and square and there was no penalty flag on the play (I keep mixing up my sports commentary and my egghead commentary. Excuse me. Not smart enough.)

Of course, this is a great victory for offensive lineman, who are usually lumped together and called "Grunts" or "Hogs." Now we have to call them "Smarter".

Of course, the real star of any show is not the offensive lineman or even the polymath. It's the quarterback, and will always be the quarterback.

And on the same day he signed a $26-million contract with the Seattle Seahawks, Peter Dyakowski's college quarterback, Matt Flynn, texted Peter to say that being the smartest Canadian is like winning a foot race at a fat camp, which offends on so many levels, you'd have to be a genius to figure them all out. Peter, by the way, won a plastic trophy. How smart is that?



Peter Dyakowski of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats was the winner of the CBC show Canada's Smartest Person. BARRY GRAY/HAMILTON SPECTATOR

Let the countdown begin

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London 2012

100 days to go until the Olympics

Young Chinese athletes practice Taekwondo techniques before the rehearsal ceremony to mark a 100-day countdown to London 2012 Olympic Games outside the Bird's Nest Tuesday, in Beijing, China.

As London organizers put the finishing touches on the venues, athletes around the world are training for the big moment.

With Wednesday marking the 100-day countdown to the London Olympics, it's time to take a look at some of the athletes who will stand out on the global stage this summer.

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Top 10

From the track to the pool to the hardwood, here's a list of 10 to watch (mindful that some still need to qualify):

Usain Bolt: His performance in Beijing four years ago was magical — gold medals and world records in the 100 metres, 200 metres and sprint relay.

Michael Phelps: After winning a record eight gold medals in Beijing, the 26-year-old American swimmer is back for his final big splash before retirement.

Oscar Pistorius: The South African double amputee, who runs on carbon-fiber blades, is looking to make history by becoming the first amputee runner to compete in an Olympics.

Hiroshi Hoketsu: At the age of 71, the Japanese equestrian rider will be the oldest competitor in London.

Kerri Walsh/Misty May-Treanor: No one will be more in the spotlight than Americans Walsh and May-Treanor, who won gold medals in Athens and Beijing in beach volleyball and are favourites for a third title in London.

Chris Hoy: Winner of three gold medals in Beijing, the British track cyclist is one of the host nation's top hopes for glory in the spectacular new velodrome.

Neymar: Argentina failed to qualify for the Olympic football competition, meaning Lionel Messi won't be coming. But Brazil did qualify and Neymar is the player to watch.

Kevin Durant: It's hard to single out any single player from the star-studded U.S. basketball team. This will be the chance for Oklahoma City Thunder forward Durant to show his Olympic credentials.

Lin Dan: Widely considered the greatest badminton player of all time, China's 'Super Dan' is a four-time world champion, five-time All England winner and the reigning Olympic gold medallist.

Katie Taylor: With women's boxing making its Olympic debut in London, the Irish fighter is a good bet for gold in the lightweight (60 kg) division.

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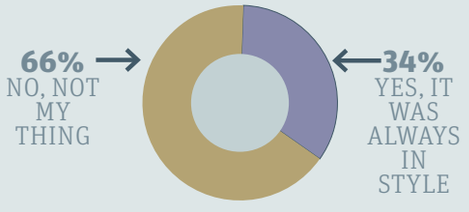

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@Brazzzo: Starting to study 2 days before the exam = check!

@Jazzhmorrison: Found a beautiful apartment looking over the city with a massive jaccuzi & gym in the building and I get my own bathroom n walk in closet :D

@kyrapops: I could eat so much sushi right now.

@nadineeee: Just thinking about studying makes my head hurt.

@GaryGraveline: @jesspunzo I know just awful! #slacking .. To be honest I don't even know what day of the week it is! #JustAnotherDay

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Scene in brief

Ferguson returning to his roots with Late Late Show

Craig Ferguson is going back to Scotland and taking Late Late Show viewers along for the trip. CBS says the Scotland-based episodes will air the week of May 14. While there, Ferguson explores Edinburgh and Glasgow. He also returns to his hometown of Cumbernauld, with stops at his childhood home and high school. On the trip, taped last month, he's joined by actors Mila Kunis, Michael Clarke Duncan and Rashida Jones, as well as author-humorist David Sedaris. Music will be performed by local Glasgow rock band The Imagineers. This marks the second international trip for the show. It went to Paris last year.
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On the web

Ben Flajnik, Courtney Robertson say they're still headed down the aisle, just not anytime soon

Nicholas Sparks, the man behind The Notebook, is the writer of the new release The Lucky One. HANDOUT

Making silver screen Sparks

Nicholas Sparks. The man behind The Notebook and Dear John returns to the big screen with The Lucky One

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The word romance conjures up different ideas for different people.

Some folks, when they muse about love, create pictures of Fabio locked in an embrace with a raven-haired beauty in their mind's eye. Others imagine John Cusack, boombox raised above his head, lurking outside his beloved's bedroom window.

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He is the premier romance writer of his generation, single handedly giving Harlequin a run in the tear-jerker department. Who else could write a line like, "Love is like the wind, you can't see it but you can feel it," with a straight face?

The flowery pen behind novels and screenplays like The Notebook, Dear John and Nights in Rodanthe returns with this weekend's parcel of passion, The Lucky One, a story of good luck charms and true love.

Romance writer

When Nicholas Sparks thinks about amour, however, I imagine dollar signs come to mind.

He writes tales of love and loss, of mighty obstacles overcome and lip-locks galore, which he defines as "dramatic epic love stories" along the lines of "Eric Segal's Love Story or The Bridges of Madison County … But you can even go all the way back. You had Hemingway write A Farewell to Arms, the movies of the forties — Casablanca, From Here to Eternity — Shakespeare, and that's the genre I work in."

He caught some flack for comparing himself to Shakespeare — one writer said, "If Sparks is like Shakespeare, then a house painter is like Picasso." — but the fact remains that his unconventional love stories have made his name synonymous with the romance genre.

Sitting at the top of the list is The Notebook, which made stars of Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling. Marie Claire magazine says, "this movie is packed with heart-fluttering-ly incredible love scenes … that it's impossible to choose just one," but Noah and Allie's boat ride on the lake surrounded by swans is generally considered to be the most memorable moment in a movie that is essentially just one long love scene.

Peter Travers called Message in a Bottle "a hazard to all those allergic to ponderous chick flicks," but the movie features great romantic chemistry between Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn and a scene stealing performance from Paul Newman.

Even Miley Cyrus has been Sparksified. She chose the author to pen The Last Song, her fist post Hannah Montana movie, because she was a huge fan of his other weepie A Walk to Remember.

Music collaborations. The Big Pink still riding success of Nicki Minaj song

The Big Pink may be best known in America as the band who supplied the main sample for the Nicki Minaj song, Girls Fall Like Dominoes, but their new album, Future This, may be a chance for them to step outside the shadow of Pink Friday. The latest release from the British band, which is centered around singer and guitarist Robbie Furze and synth and beats programmer Milo Cordell, is full of the characteristic huge chorus hooks that made Minaj first take notice — and should soon make the rest of the world's ears perk up.

"I kind of love that pop that comes from all of the greatest bands — The Beatles or the Stones or The Beastie Boys or Nirvana," says Cordell. "I think that's what we enjoy doing, writing hooks."

Music

"I think that's what we enjoy doing, writing hooks." Milo Cordell

But Cordell says that this preference for combining out-there sounds with catchy pop may have worked for those groups, but it's definitely not a fail-safe formula.

When the 2009 song Dominoes became last year's Girls Fall Like Dominoes single, that was a great push to expose them to American audiences. The Nicki Minaj collaboration came about pretty easily.

"Dominoes had been around in England, and it was kind of a hit in England. It bubbled away everywhere, and we got an e-mail where our manager said to us, 'There's this guy, a producer called J.R. Rotem, who is writing a track for this female rapper and they're using 'Dominoes' as the main sample,' and we're like, 'Cool.' And we never really heard anything about it," Cordell laughed.
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A collaboration with Nicki Minaj has put The Big Pink on the map in North America. HANDOUT

Ashton Kutcher

Kutcher and Kunis hooking up?

Former That 70s Show co-stars Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis are reportedly seeing each other — and trying to keep it quiet, according X17 Online.

Earlier this week, the pair were spotted shopping for furniture before grabbing dinner at a sushi restaurant and then heading back to Kutcher's home.

"Ashton was touching Mila's hand and Mila was all dressed up," a source says of the dinner. "She looked hot; this was definitely more than a dinner between friends — this was a full-on date."

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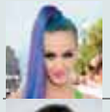

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METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Facing your fears through fist pumps

THE WORD
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Jersey Shore star Vinny Guadagnino is out to prove there's more to him than just being a sly guido who occasionally suffers from pink eye.

In his new book, Control the Crazy: My Plan to Stop Stressing, Avoid Drama, and Maintain Inner Cool, Guadagnino proves that he can not only pronounce such serious names as Deepak Chopra, Thich Nhat Hanh and Ekhart Tolle, but he also sees himself as an "ambassador" to their influential brand of pop psych for a younger generation.

"They are the masters. I certainly didn't invent this stuff, but it wasn't them inventing it either," he told Metro during a recent interview. "It's just a message that can be told in many different voices — a Buddhist monk, a psychologist, a spiritual guru or now, you know, a cast member of the Jersey Shore."

For Guadagnino, who has suffered from various panic disorders since high school, and even during Season 1 of the show that made him famous, it was this anxiety that led him to start reading the self-help genre.

"I started to read these books and put together a program in my head for myself. That program is what I use a lot on four seasons of Jersey Shore, and it's gotten me through all of them."

Until last year, at least, when Guadagnino took a brief hiatus from Season 5.

"The last season got a little overbearing for me, because we had this stressful schedule where we had to come over and start a new season straight from Italy," he explains of his dramatic (yet brief) departure from the series.

"What happened on the show, it happened for me naturally. So I said, 'You know what? Now's the perfect opportunity to try to help people because they know I'm not bulls—ting. It's all real life.'"

Robert Downey Jr. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Robert Downey Jr. thinks parenting is no big deal

Parenting is nothing new to Robert Downey Jr. — he already has an 18-year-old son from a previous marriage, Indio — but the Iron Man star admits he was filled with fear before the February 7 birth of his new son, Exton.

"There was all this trepidation, all this projection, all the anticipation and goodwill and a good vibe about it," he tells Esquire.

"But what you're squeezing to the side — or what's in the glove box — is these thousands of forms of fear. And then he was born and they've all just kind of scattered now. It seems like he's always been here."

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Travel in brief

African Queen sails again

The African Queen, the iconic original vessel from the classic film of the same name, is plying nearshore waters and canals in the Florida Keys again. Keys sailing charter operators Lance and Suzanne Holmquist inked an agreement with the 100-year-old boat's owner and invested some $70,000 to restore the boat that carried Humphrey Bogart and Katharine Hepburn to movie history. The boat was originally brought to Key Largo in 1983 and restored then, but has languished as an out-of-the-water display for the past 11 years. Stephen Bogart, son of the film star, was present during a relaunch event Thursday for the vessel, registered as a national historic site. Next week, the Holmquists are to begin daily cruises for Keys visitors from the Holiday Inn Key Largo.
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On the web

Money talks in Olympic hotel search: London's top hotels poised to pamper wealthy guests

Animal Kingdom rides to victory at last year's Kentucky Derby. MICHAEL CONROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Come for the Derby, but explore beyond the track

Louisville. While the city is best known for a horse race, there's also baseball bats and boxers to be had

Shadowbox with a silhouetted Muhammad Ali. Grab a bat and take a few swings in a batting cage at the Louisville Slugger Museum. Dig into a Hot Brown at the place where the savory sandwich was created.

Louisville is home to plenty of originals that liven up a visit to Kentucky's largest city, best known for a two-minute sporting event.

It's the iconic horse track that overshadows everything in town on the first Saturday in May. That's when the Kentucky Derby is run at Churchill Downs — where mint juleps flow, women sport flowery hats and sleek thoroughbreds race for immortality.

But visitors don't have to be horse racing buffs to enjoy the charms of this city along the Ohio River.

The spring greenery is always dazzling in the Bluegrass state. While in Louisville, visitors can stroll along Waterfront Park — the city's 85-acre front yard. The expansive playground near downtown offers panoramic views of downtown and the Ohio River.

"This time of year, Louisvillians get so happy," said local restaurateur Lynn Winter. "It's like everyone comes out."

Not far from the park, several museums are clustered within four blocks in the city's downtown, which features an array of restaurants and shops. Among the most popular destinations are the Muhammad Ali Center and the Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory.

The Ali Center showcases the boxing career of the former world heavyweight champion known as "the Louisville Lip," and highlights his social activism and humanitarian causes out of the ring.

Ali, who turned 70 in January, grew up in the West End neighbourhood of Louisville.

A short walk away, visitors can see workers crafting bats used by big leaguers. The Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory is a treasure trove of memorabilia that features bats used by Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Ted Williams and other Hall of Famers. Visitors can pick a bat, wood or aluminum, and take a crack in the batting cages.

The Louisville Slugger museum
ED REINKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We have little kids and big kids alike," said employee Tony Fowler.

The springtime pace in town can seem as fast as on the track at Churchill Downs. The big horse race may only last two minutes, but the prerace celebration lasts weeks during the Kentucky Derby Festival.

Leading up to the Derby, the city celebrates with a giant fireworks show, a parade, a steamboat race and a balloon race — among the highlights of a festival that also features athletic events, music and food.

Restaurants and watering holes are abundant in town, an hour's drive or so from distilleries producing world-famous bourbons.

At the Brown Hotel, one of the city's landmark places to stay, visitors can dig into a Hot Brown. A local favourite, it's an open-faced turkey and bacon sandwich covered with Mornay sauce (a creamy cheese sauce).

But Louisville's most enduring landmark is still Churchill Downs, situated south of downtown. The spring racing meet begins April 28, a week before the Run for the Roses.

Visitors can watch Derby contenders go through workouts in preparation for the big race, but it requires an early wake-up call.

Churchill's Dawn at the Downs offer runs from Tuesday to Thursday of Derby week, May 1st to 3rd this year, and includes a sumptuous Kentucky-style breakfast buffet from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in a dining space overlooking the finish line.

Carolyn Hayden of Louisville brought her extended family from California to tour the track. "On a pretty day it's great to be outside at the track," she said.
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If you go...

- **For visitor information.** Louisville Convention and Visitors Bureau: One Riverfront Plaza, 401 W. Main St., Suite 2300, Louisville, Ky.; gotolouisville.com or 800-626-5646. Louisville Visitors Center, 301 S. Fourth St., 502-379-6109.

Spend a day in Long Island City and brush up on some New York history

Gentrification. Long Island City in Queens is a hub for culture, arts and bustling young families

REBECCA FINKEL
Metro World News in New York

Before the LIRR connected to Penn Station, Long Island City (LIC) was the end of the line. Commuters awaiting ferries to Manhattan met at Tony Miller's Hotel on Borden Avenue (now the fabulously kitschy Waterfront Crabhouse).

Teddy Roosevelt drank there, as did architect Stanford White and actress Lillian Russell.

By 1910, with expanded LIRR service and the opening of the Queensboro Bridge, LIC fell into decline. Ferries stopped running and prohibition turned Miller's Hotel into a phonograph factory. LIC remained a quiet, industrial neighbourhood until the late '70s, when artists flocked to the area lofts.

In the '90s, new waterfront high-rises attracted young professionals and their families.

Today, LIC has reclaimed its status as a hub of vibrant people, culture and art.

10:30 a.m.: Eat

You can't find a bad brunch on Vernon Boulevard, with El Ay Si, Cranky's, Dorian Cafe, and Tournesol. We like four-month-old Alobar (alobarnyc.com) for its superb bloody mary and its duck confit Sloppy Joe with smoked ricotta.

Noon: See

After brunch, head to Gantry Plaza State Park, a 10-acre waterfront walk with spectacular views of Manhattan. In addition to contemporary art Mecca MoMA PS1, LIC is home to three sculpture parks: The Noguchi Museum, Sculpture Center and the Socrates Sculpture Park. Across the street from PS1 is 5Pointz Aerosol Art Center, a five-story warehouse covered in legal graffiti.

Visit between May 12 and 20 for the LIC Arts Open (licartsopen.org), when hundreds of artists open their studios to the public.

3 p.m.: Drink

LIC has the kind of relaxed neighbourhood bars that will make you think seriously about moving, or at least staying for another beer.

In fair weather, grab an outdoor seat at Dominie's Hoek (dominieshoek.com) or LIC Bar (licbar.com). Sweet Leaf (sweetleaflic.com) has a good selection of coffee and tea, which you can enjoy while playing DJ in their record room. Sage General Store (sagegeneralstore.com) has great baked goods; try the bacon brownie.

4 p.m.: Laugh

Wind down with open-mic stand-up at The Creek and Cave (creeklic.com), one of the area's two comedy clubs. Free shows start at 4 p.m. on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Long Island City has reclaimed its old status as a vibrant hub for arts and culture. ISTOCK

Give new life to old favourites by discovering their fruitier side

Add a new twist to a family favourite with the addition of canned California cling peaches.

These delicious California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos are topped with Peach Slaw. Adding peaches boost your daily fruit servings, creating a healthier meal.

1. In a bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, yogurt, lime juice, garlic, salt and cayenne. Drain peaches well and chop. Place in a large bowl; add slaw, coriander and half the mayonnaise mixture. Stir to combine.

2. Sprinkle the chicken with TexMex seasoning. In a large non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat and cook chicken, stirring for about 10 minutes or until no longer pink inside.

3. Warm shells. Add chicken and drizzle with some of the remaining mayo mixture and hot sauce (if using). Top with slaw.

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Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (60 mL) light mayo
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) lime juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- 1 can (14 oz/398 mL) peach halves, in light syrup
- 2 cups (500 mL) packaged coleslaw or broccoli slaw mix
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) chopped fresh coriander
- 4 skinless boneless chicken cutlets, thinly sliced
- 2 tsp (10 mL) TexMex seasoning
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) canola oil
- 8 large taco shells or small flour tortillas
- Hot sauce (optional)

California Dreamin' Chicken Tacos with Peach Slaw

This recipe serves eight people. NEWS CANADA

Drink of the Week

Basil Mango Lime Smoothie with Chai

1. In bowl, combine chia seeds, water and lime juice. Set aside for 1 hour to let seeds plump and become gelatinous. In blender, combine soaked chia seeds (with liquid), honey, lime zest, basil, mango and yogurt. Blend until smooth.

- 1 tbsp chai seeds
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 tbsp lime juice
- 2 tbsp honey
- Finely chopped zest of 1/2 lemon
- 4 fresh basil leaves
- 10-oz package frozen mango chunks, thawed
- 2 cups fat-free vanilla yogurt

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Correction

Yesterday's Metro incorrectly identified Arturo's Market in its Lunch Rush review headline.
Metro regrets the error.

Versatile Apple & Cheddar Pizza works as lunch or appy

This recipe serves four to six. NEWS CANADA

Frozen puff pastry makes this elegant crowd pleaser as easy as (pizza) pie! You'll love the flavour complements of sweet Ontario apples, mellow caramelized onions, tangy aged cheddar and fresh thyme. Cut into small squares for an appetizer, or serve with a crisp green salad for a light lunch.

1. Melt butter in heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onions, stirring occasionally, for 15 minutes or until caramelized and softened. Stir in apple wedges and cook 5 minutes or until apples are firm and a light golden colour. Add vinegar, salt and pepper. Let cool slightly.

2. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C). Roll puff pastry into a flat 10-inch (25 cm) square. Cut a 1/2-inch (1 cm) strip from each side. Brush the edges of the remaining pastry square with water and arrange strips on top, trimming, to form a border (or pizza crust) on all four sides. Using fork, prick bottom of pastry all over. Arrange onion and apple mixture inside border. Sprinkle with cheddar and thyme.

3. Bake in the centre of preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden and cheddar is melted and bubbly. Let cool 5 minutes before slicing into squares. Serve warm or at room temperature. NEWS CANADA/ ONAPPLES.COM/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) butter
- 2 onions, sliced into 1/4 inch (6mm) rounds
- 2 Ontario apples, cored and sliced into wedges
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cider vinegar
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) each salt and pepper
- Half a pkg. frozen butter puff pastry sheets (1 sheet), thawed
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) shredded aged white cheddar cheese
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh thyme leaves

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Online personal brand is a hot topic right now. Is an online presence important when job hunting?

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Pounding the electronic pavement

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The highs and lows of the job hunt in the age of the Internet

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Keeping those fingers on the keys, is key. ISTOCK

In the not-so-distant past, searching for a job was very grounded in the physical world: going to specific organizations, bringing in printed-off resumés and begging human resources for applications that could easily be recycled as soon as they had been filled out.

Now things have shifted to the web, that elusive, beckoning system of interconnectedness and global reach.

Here are some benefits and drawbacks of hunting electronically for a tangible target.

Establishing the hunting grounds

Jobs can now be found globally or locally, which means that the job opportunities available to you are only limited to how far you're willing to relocate.

Looking up a Japanese CEO who has the same obsession as you on Google is a lot easier than flying to Japan for a costly meet-and-greet only to catastrophically find out that he or she meant to write something totally different in their tweet. But now, there are also thousands of other equally multilingual, PhD-having job candidates sending in resumés, meaning you must be at the top of your game – or have something that others don't.

Hunting equipment

The downside to the online job search is that your resumé is expected to be a work of graphic artistry.

If you, like many of us, are thinking about enslaving a graphic designer for your own marketing needs, LinkedIn and other portfolio websites give you a nice (and legal!) way out. Another bonus: if you're actually a graphic artist, your entire portfolio can be seen at the click of a button!

Personal scent

Online marketing is everything. You need to be a brand yourself: a charming, sans serif love letter to your preferred employer, which means having the right skills and captivating them with simplicity.

However, being a niche with your name stamped at the top of the webpage means that you need to provide what you marketed. As far as image goes, keep the picture as risqué as the one you'd show a gaggle of your 13-year-old brother's friends (i.e., not risqué at all!) Hopefully your employer-to-be will be impressed enough by your vivacious emails so as to not Google your name and find the Grade 8 pictures you used on an old account.

Offline, a lack of self-marketing can be overcome with enthusiasm.

Meeting people in the real world has its advantages (like an instant Vulcan mind-meld-like connection), but those benefits can easily be carried over to the web and multiplied to almost life-like proportions, whether you're a burgeoning wordsmith or not.

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Here comes the career: Give wedding photography a shot

Labour of love. Developing a picture-perfect career is not as easy as it looks

BRUCE WALSH
Metro World News

Samuel Bendall works nine to five as an assistant account manager for an L.A.-based PR firm.

But over the last five years, he has created a rewarding — and even lucrative — part-time career as a wedding photographer.

Bendall, a recent California State-Northridge grad, books about one wedding per month and grosses between $1,500 and $6,000 for each one (a fairly industry-standard rate).

The work is certainly more rewarding than his former part-time jobs in the restaurant business, but building a viable wedding photography business is far more challenging than most people realize.

You and your camera might just be a match made in heaven. ISTOCK

"I don't do it full-time because of how much work is involved in a wedding. It's hard to convey to people," he explains.

"It's more logistics than anything: meeting with the family, the wedding planner. Plus, there's a lot on the back end of processing and packaging good images. You spend about 10 per cent of your time actually at the wedding."

And, unlike other part-time jobs, wedding photography requires both passion and talent. Bendall has been a photographer since high school and avidly pursues his own artistic photo projects.

But, perhaps most importantly, the job demands an intrinsic feel for public relations.

"You can't just be a good photographer, you have to be an incredible interpersonal communicator: Explain concisely, to difficult people, what exactly you're doing," says Bendall. "It's like Oscar Wilde said: 'If you want to tell people the truth, make them laugh, otherwise they'll kill you.'"

Expert opinion

Picture yourself in the industry

Cassandra Eldridge is a wedding photographer in Chicago. She shoots roughly 30 ceremonies per year.

How do you know if you have the talent for the job?

A lot of people think that if they own a camera, they're a photographer. But there's obviously composition, thinking outside the box and timing — developing really good gut instincts.

If you're interested, [then] practice, practice, practice and see where you wind up. There are a lot of wedding photographers out there who are extremely talented. It's important not to compare.

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Blackhawks

Rookie Shaw gets three-game ban from Shanahan

Andrew Shaw chose the wrong time to run afoul of NHL rules.

The Chicago Blackhawks rookie was suspended three games Tuesday — possibly the rest of the season — after hitting Phoenix Coyotes goaltender Mike Smith in Game 2 of their series on Saturday night.

With the NHL under fire following a number of incidents in the opening week of the playoffs, disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan sent a strong message to Shaw. The length of his ban matched the three games given to New York's Carl Hagelin, another rookie, following his elbow to the head of Daniel Alfredsson.

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Andrew Shaw.
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Canucks

Sedin's status up in the air in L.A.

Daniel Sedin returned to practice with the Vancouver Canucks on Tuesday, but there was no word whether he will play in crucial Game 4 of their series with the Los Angeles Kings.

The Canucks' top goalscorer and last season's Hart Trophy finalist skated with teammates in Los Angeles on Tuesday after suffering a concussion 12 games ago.

Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault says the team's medical staff will determine whether Sedin should play.

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Something missing in Senators' offence

NHL. Ottawa has void to fill with Alfredsson unlikely for Game 4

Senators centre Jason Spezza tries to avoid a body check from New York's Ryan McDonagh on Monday night at Scotiabank Place. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES

The Ottawa Senators realize they can't replace veteran captain Daniel Alfredsson, but they need someone to rise to the occasion in his absence.

Ottawa will likely be without Alfredsson on Wednesday when the Senators host the New York Rangers in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series.

Alfredsson didn't take part in Tuesday's practice and at this point remains day-to-day with a concussion.

"Nothing's changed," said Senators head coach Paul MacLean, the day after his team dropped a 1-0 decision to fall behind 2-1 in the series.

"We are going to evaluate it in the morning. If he's better and things go good, we will evaluate the lineup and we'll make decisions then."

With Alfredsson out, the Senators will need someone to step up and carry the load of tying this series. Ottawa has an 0-3 record in the postseason when playing without Alfredsson in the lineup.

Two of Ottawa's most productive offensive players — Jason Spezza and Milan Michalek — have just one assist each in the series. Though the Rangers have played the duo tightly, more is expected of Ottawa's top two scoring forwards.

"We've had success this year when our line's scored offensively so we've worked real hard, we've created a lot of chances, but we just haven't been able to score," said Spezza. "We definitely feel if we can get going offensively and maybe get a start in the next game and score from there it could kind of springboard into everybody scoring and everybody getting confidence.

With just four shots on goal through three games Michalek admits to feeling pressure, but says he just has to remain confident.

"It's playoffs and I'm just trying to stay patient and keep working on it every day," said Michalek, who ended the regular season pointless in the final three games. "Nothing has really went for me so far, but hopefully it's going to get better. I have to go in front of the net and hopefully get some rebounds."

From the start of the series the Rangers knew success would come as a result of controlling the Senators' top line.

"They've had their chances, they've had opportunities," said New York's Ryan Callahan. "You just have to try and contain them the best you can and limit those opportunities and when they do get them you have to have (Henrik Lundqvist) come up with big saves."

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"We're not replacing Daniel Alfredsson, we don't have that player, but everybody that's in the lineup can step up and make a difference."

Paul MacLean, Senators head coach.

By the numbers

1-10

The Senators have yet to get their power play going. Ottawa is 1-for-10 with the man advantage through three games.

Rangers' Boyle getting under Sens' skin

Rangers forward Brian Boyle celebrates his game-winning goal at Scotiabank Place on Monday night. RICHARD WOLOWICZ/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Brian Boyle has emerged as an unlikely hero in the New York Rangers' Eastern Conference playoff series against Ottawa.

The Rangers forward has scored three goals, two of them game-winners, to help New York take a 2-1 quarter-final series lead.

"He's played great," said teammate Ryan Callahan. "Not only is he winning big face-offs, killing penalties, blocking shots, but he's putting the puck in the net too, which obviously helps."

The 27-year-old Boyle finished the season with 11 goals and 26 points, but had just two goals in the first half of the season and no career playoff points coming into the series.

Boyle struggled to explain his recent success.

"I'm just trying to contribute in all facets and playing some good minutes. Do the physical stuff, playing defensively sound, killing penalties and contributing offensively....

"I'm trying to be a difference maker in these games that really, really matter. A lot of guys are doing that, a lot of guys are playing well."

For the Senators Boyle is the thorn in their side that they need to contain.

"But we can do a better job on him I think, getting more physical and get in his face a little bit and make it real tough on him," said Ottawa's Nick Foligno. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

20-3-1

The Rangers seem to thrive when Brian Boyle gets on the score sheet. New York posted a 20-3-1 record in the regular season when he registered a point.

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SPORTS

Senators preview

New York at Ottawa 7:30 p.m. (CBC)

The Senators will try to even the series at home, but might have to do it without Daniel Alfredsson, who missed Game 3 with concussion-like symptoms. Henrik Lundqvist stopped 39 shots for his fourth career playoff shutout and Brian Boyle scored for the third game in a row on Monday, as the Rangers won 1-0 to regain home-ice advantage. Ottawa defenceman Matt Carkner will be eligible to return Wednesday after serving a one-game suspension.

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On the web

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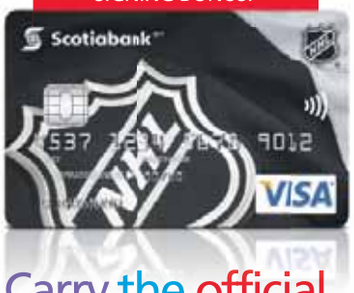

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Franck Ribery celebrates his goal to open the scoring in the 17th minute for Bayern Munich during a Champions League semifinal match against Real Madrid on Tuesday. Mario Gomez also scored in the 90th minute Tuesday to hand Real Madrid its first loss in the Champions League this season. The second leg is next week in Madrid. LARS BARON/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

NCAA. Kentucky's starting 5 to test NBA draft waters

Kentucky's lineup of three freshmen and two sophomores did most everything together en route to the school's eighth national title. Now, they will go their separate ways in the NBA.

Freshmen Anthony Davis, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marquis Teague, and sophomores Terrence Jones and Doron Lamb declared for the draft in a nationally televised news conference Tuesday night.

"Let me just say that Anthony and Doron and Terrence have decided to put their names in the NBA draft, so they will do that," coach John Calipari said, pausing for a dramatic effect. "And Michael and Marquis Teague have also decided to put their names in the draft.

"I was trying to scare some coaches out there, that's all I was doing."

The group came into the season largely untested before ascending to No. 1, winning the Southeastern Conference and capping an NCAA tournament title with a 67-59 victory over Kansas in the title game.

The five join seniors Darius Miller and Eloy Vargas leaving the program.

"This is a players' first program. I said it three years ago. During the season, it's about our team. You saw it in this year's team, they were about each other," Calipari said. "When the season is over, it's about moments like this."

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Projected NBA Lottery pick Anthony Davis talks with members of the media on Tuesday in Lexington, Ky. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Damon lands gig in Cleveland

Johnny Damon has left the on-deck circle. He's officially with the Cleveland Indians.

Next stop: The starting lineup — and maybe the 3,000-hit club.

The 38-year-old outfielder signed a major-league contract Tuesday, the next step before he joins the club. The sides agreed on a $1.25 million deal last week, when the Indians were off to a sluggish start with a team batting average below .200.

General manager Chris Antonetti said he had been in talks with Damon and his agent Scott Boras long before the Indians opened 1-4.

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MLB

"My business is to talk about baseball.... I learned a very tough lesson."

Miami Marlins manager Ozzie Guillen on Tuesday after completing a five-game suspension for praising Fidel Castro.

NFL

Seahawks to visit Bills in Ontario

The Buffalo Bills will host the Seattle Seahawks in the final game of their five-year series of annual home games in Toronto. The Bills and Seahawks meet Dec. 16 in Week 15 of the NFL season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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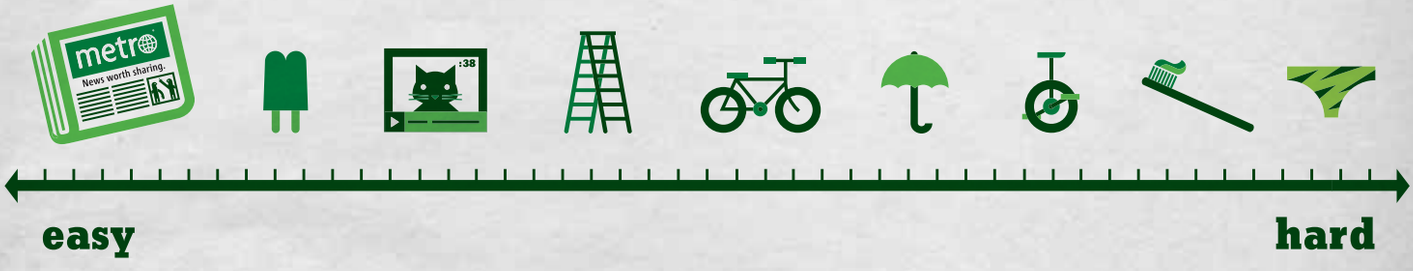

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
(N.Y. Rangers lead series 2-1)
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 1 Ottawa 0
Tonight's game
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Boston leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 4 Washington 3
Tomorrow's game
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.

FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
Florida at New Jersey
Tomorrow's game
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 6:30 p.m.

PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 3-0)
Sunday's result
Philadelphia 8 Pittsburgh 4
Tonight's game
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 3-0)
Sunday's result
Los Angeles 1 Vancouver 0
Tonight's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Los Angeles at Vancouver, TBD

ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
(St. Louis leads series 2-1)
Monday's result
St. Louis 4 San Jose 3
Tomorrow's game
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
Phoenix at Chicago
Tomorrow's game
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
(Nashville leads series 2-1)
Last night's result
Nashville at Detroit
Friday's game
Detroit at Nashville, 8 p.m.

x — played only if necessary

LATE MONDAY

RANGERS 1, SENATORS 0

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Spezza Ott (cross-checking) 2:21, Staal NYR (interference) 5:11, Prust NYR, Boyle NYR, Spezza Ott (roughing) 14:21.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Girardi NYR (interference), Foligno Ott (roughing) 4:27, Spezza Ott (holding) 15:00.
Third Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 3 (Callahan, Girardi) 7:35
Penalties — Callahan NYR (tripping) 12:51, Phillips Ott (slashing) 13:18.

Shots on goal by

N.Y. Rangers	8	8	7	— 23
Ottawa	12	13	14	— 39

Goal — N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,2-1); Ottawa: Anderson (L,1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 0-3; Ottawa: 0-3.
Attendance — 20,182 (19,153) at Ottawa.

BRUINS 4, CAPITALS 3

First Period
1. Washington, Semin 1 (Laich, Ovechkin) 16:00 (pp)
Penalties — Semin Wash (tripping) 1:14, Chara Bos (roughing) 15:31, Aucoin Wash (tripping) 17:22, Lucic Bos (roughing), Backstrom Wash (cross-checking) 20:00.
Second Period
2. Boston, Peverley 1 (Chara, Ference) 0:35
3. Washington, Ovechkin 1 (Laich, Hamrlik) 0:48
4. Boston, Paille 1 (Zanon, Campbell) 9:38
Penalties — Peverley Bos (hooking) 5:18, Backstrom Wash (tripping) 6:03, Lucic Bos, Laich Wash (unsportsmanlike conduct) 13:19.
Third Period
5. Boston, Rolston 1 (Kelly, Chara) 1:02
6. Washington, Laich 1 (Backstrom, Green) 14:00
7. Boston, Chara 1 (Bergeron, Seidenberg) 18:07
Penalties — Chimera Wash (slashing) 3:01, Seidenberg Bos (roughing) 10:17, Backstrom Wash (cross-checking) 16:46, Lucic Bos (double roughing), Hendricks Wash (roughing) 17:34, Backstrom Wash (match penalty) 20:00.

Shots on goal by

Boston	8	11	10	— 29
Washington	7	14	11	— 32

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,2-1); Washington: Holtby (L,1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-5; Washington: 1-4.
Attendance — 18,506 (18,398) at Washington.

BLUES 4, SHARKS 3

First Period
1. St. Louis, Berglund 3 (Colaiacovo, Arnott) 14:31 (pp)
2. San Jose, Burns 1 (Thornton, Couture) 16:45 (pp)
Penalties — Colaiacovo StL (interference) 7:24, Wingels SJ (high-sticking) 14:00, Polak StL (cross-checking) 15:40.
Second Period
3. St. Louis, McDonald 2 (Berglund, Colaiacovo) 1:01
4. St. Louis, Arnott 1 (McDonald, Steen) 10:06 (pp)
Penalties — D.Murray SJ (interference) 9:28, Winnik SJ (boarding) 19:39.
Third Period
5. St. Louis, Steen 1 (McDonald, Colaiacovo) 0:59 (pp)
6. San Jose, White 1 (Clowe, Thornton) 16:58
7. San Jose, Couture 1 (Thornton, Havlat) 19:43
Penalties — Nichol StL (holding) 2:35, McDonald StL (slashing) 10:12, Perron StL, Desjardins SJ (roughing) 15:02, Thornton SJ (roughing) 17:31.

Shots on goal by

St. Louis	14	9	4	— 27
San Jose	9	10	10	— 29

Goal — St. Louis: Elliott (W,1-0); San Jose: Niemi (L,1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — St. Louis: 3-4; San Jose: 1-4.
Attendance — 17,562 (17,562) at San Jose, Calif.

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	4	4	8
Briere, Pha	4	1	5
Brown, LA	4	1	5
Crosby, Pgh	2	3	5
McDonald, StL	2	3	5
Neal, Pgh	2	3	5
Jagr, Pha	1	4	5

Not including last night's games

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	6	4	.600	—
Toronto	5	4	.556	½
New York	5	5	.500	1
Tampa Bay	5	5	.500	1
Boston	4	6	.400	2

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Chicago	5	4	.556	1½
Cleveland	4	4	.500	2
Kansas City	3	7	.300	4
Minnesota	3	7	.300	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	8	2	.800	—
Seattle	6	5	.545	2½
Los Angeles	4	6	.400	4
Oakland	4	7	.364	4½

Last night's results
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees
Tampa Bay at Toronto
Texas at Boston
Baltimore at Chicago White Sox
Detroit at Kansas City
Oakland at L.A. Angels
Cleveland at Seattle
Monday's results
Baltimore 10 Chicago White Sox 4 (10 innings)
Detroit 3 Kansas City 2
L.A. Angels 6 Oakland 0
Minnesota 7 N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 1 Boston 0
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Minnesota (Marquis 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 1-1) at Toronto (Morrow 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Texas (D.Holland 1-0) at Boston (Beckett 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 1-0), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 0-1) at Kansas City (Hochevar 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Colon 2-1) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-2), 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland (D.Lowe 2-0) at Seattle (Vargas 1-1), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	9	3	.750	—
New York	7	3	.700	1
Atlanta	5	5	.500	3
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	3
Miami	4	6	.400	4

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	7	3	.700	—
Cincinnati	4	6	.400	3
Milwaukee	4	6	.400	3
Houston	4	7	.364	3½
Chicago	3	7	.300	4
Pittsburgh	3	7	.300	4

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	1	.900	—
Arizona	7	3	.700	2
Colorado	4	6	.400	5
San Francisco	4	6	.400	5
San Diego	3	8	.273	6½

Last night's results
Washington 1 Houston 0
Chicago Cubs at Miami
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at St. Louis
San Diego at Colorado
Pittsburgh at Arizona
Philadelphia at San Francisco
Monday's results
Arizona 5 Pittsburgh 1
N.Y. Mets 6 Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 5 San Francisco 2
San Diego 7 Colorado 1
Washington 6 Houston 3
Today's games — All Times Eastern
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 2-0) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-1) at Arizona (D.Hudson 1-0), 3:40 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 1-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Garza 1-0) at Miami (Buehrle 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 1-0) at Milwaukee (Greinke 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Latos 0-1) at St. Louis (J.Garcia 1-0), 8:15 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 1-0) at Colorado (Nicasio 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-1) at San Francisco (M.Cain 1-0), 10:15 p.m.

GOLF

WORLD RANKING

Through April 15

1. Rory McIlroy	NIR	9.59
2. Luke Donald	ENG	9.48
3. Lee Westwood	ENG	8.27
4. Bubba Watson	USA	6.47
5. Hunter Mahan	USA	5.82
6. Martin Kaymer	GER	5.58
7. Steve Stricker	USA	5.53
8. Tiger Woods	USA	5.48
9. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.32
10. Justin Rose	ENG	5.21
11. Adam Scott	AUS	5.13
12. Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	5.12
13. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	5.11
14. Webb Simpson	USA	4.95
15. Matt Kuchar	USA	4.86
16. Dustin Johnson	USA	4.84
17. Jason Day	AUS	4.79
18. Graeme McDowell	NIR	4.79
19. Bill Haas	USA	4.46
20. Keegan Bradley	USA	4.29
21. Sergio Garcia	ESP	4.15
22. Nick Watney	USA	4.10
23. Brandt Snedeker	USA	4.07
24. Peter Hanson	SWE	3.96
25. Ian Poulter	ENG	3.86

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	14	7	7	.500	170	172	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	—
x-Rochester	14	6	8	.429	173	176	1
Buffalo	14	5	9	.357	167	179	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Colorado	14	11	3	.786	193	171	—
x-Calgary	15	11	4	.733	207	164	½
x-Minnesota	14	7	7	.500	171	167	4
Edmonton	13	5	8	.385	136	143	5½
Washington	14	4	10	.286	150	171	7

x — clinched playoff berth.
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Washington, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Rochester at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	46	15	.754	—
y-Miami	43	17	.717	2½
x-Indiana	39	22	.639	7
x-Boston	36	25	.590	10
x-Atlanta	36	25	.590	10
x-Orlando	36	25	.590	10
New York	31	29	.517	14½
Philadelphia	31	29	.517	14½
Milwaukee	29	31	.483	16½
Detroit	22	38	.367	23½
New Jersey	22	40	.355	24½
Toronto	22	40	.355	24½
Cleveland	20	39	.339	25
Washington	15	46	.246	31
Charlotte	7	53	.117	38½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	43	16	.729	—
y-Oklahoma City	44	17	.721	—
x-L.A. Lakers	39	22	.639	5
x-L.A. Clippers	38	23	.623	6
Memphis	35	25	.583	8½
Denver	34	27	.557	10
Dallas	34	28	.548	10½
Phoenix	32	29	.525	12
Houston	32	29	.525	12
Utah	32	30	.516	12½
Portland	28	34	.452	16½
Minnesota	25	37	.403	19½
Golden State	22	38	.367	21½
Sacramento	20	41	.328	24
New Orleans	19	42	.311	25

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Indiana at Philadelphia
Cleveland at Detroit
Memphis at Minnesota
Boston at New York
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Atlanta 109 Toronto 87
Denver 105 Houston 102
Indiana 111 Minnesota 88
L.A. Clippers 92 Oklahoma City 77
Miami 101 New Jersey 98
New Orleans 75 Charlotte 67
Orlando 113 Philadelphia 100
Phoenix 125 Portland 107
San Antonio 120 Golden State 99
Utah 123 Dallas 121 (3OT)
Washington 87 Chicago 84
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 8 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 9 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	56	558	372	1572	28.1
Durant, OkC	61	594	387	1693	27.8
James, Mia	59	590	365	1596	27.1
Love, Minn	55	474	379	1432	26.0
Westbrook, OkC	61	547	313	1468	24.1
Wade, Mia	47	409	231	1064	22.6
Anthony, NY	50	391	270	1109	22.2
Aldridge, Por	55	483	223	1191	21.7
Nowitzki, Dal	58	443	293	1252	21.6
D. Williams, NJ	55	391	257	1154	21.0
Howard, Orl	54	416	281	1113	20.6

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

MLS

Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Montreal at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chicago at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
New York at D.C. United, 6 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SEMIFINALS — FIRST LEG
Yesterday's result
Bayern Munich (Germany) 2 Real Madrid (Spain) 1
Today's game — All Times Eastern
Chelsea (England) vs. Barcelona (Spain), 2:45 p.m.

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

CHAMPIONSHIP — FIRST LEG
Tonight's game
Monterrey (Mexico) at Santos Laguna (Mexico), 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

IIHF MEN'S UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-U.S.	4	4	0	0	0	18	3	12
x-Finland	4	3	0	0	1	15	9	9
x-Canada	**4**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**17**	**12**	**6**
Czech Republic	4	1	0	0	3	12	21	3
Denmark	4	0	0	0	4	6	23	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OTW	OTL	L	GF	GA	Pt
y-Sweden	4	4	0	0	1	20	4	12
x-Russia	4	2	0	0	2	14	7	6
x-Germany	4	2	0	0	2	15	17	6
Latvia	4	2	0	0	2	11	15	6
Switzerland	4	0	0	0	4	6	23	0

x — clinched quarter-final berth.
y — clinched semifinal berth.
Note: Three points for a regulation win, two for an overtime win and one for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Brno, Czech Republic
U.S. 5 **Canada 3**
Finland 6 Czech Republic 2
At Znojmo, Czech Republic
Germany 6 Switzerland 2
Sweden 2 Russia 0
End of Preliminary Round

PLAYOFFS

Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
Quarter-finals
At Breclav, Czech Republic
Finland vs. Germany, 9 a.m.
Russia vs. **Canada**, 1 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
At Znojmo, Czech Republic
Czech Republic vs. Switzerland, 9 a.m.
Latvia vs. Denmark, 1 p.m.

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Engine

The Skyactiv powerplant is a 2.0-litre, four-cylinder gasoline engine that features direct fuel injection. It runs on regular gas and is 10 per cent lighter than Mazda's non-Skyactiv 2.0. Output is rated at 155 horsepower and 150 pound-feet of torque, down from the Tribute's 171/171 levels.

No more smiley face grille.

Skyactiv

Most of the CX-5's mechanical bits are promoted under Mazda's "Skyactiv" theme that made its initial appearance in conjunction with the 2012 Mazda3. From a chassis and suspension perspective, the automaker says it has attempted to infuse the vehicle with as much MX-5-Miata-type sporty behaviour as possible.

Less cargo space

The CX features a curvy accent crease along the lower door edges. In back, the slant of the liftgate glass suggests a bit of hatchback has crept into the design, which could explain why there's slightly less cargo space than the Tribute had, even though the CX has a bit more stretch-out room for passengers.

2013 Mazda CX-5

- **Type.** Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive compact tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (155).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 7.8/5.7 (MT, FWD).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $24,800.

Review. It's a game-changer for Mazda, and with a low base price and low fuel consumption, it might be a game-changer for you, too

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

If you're looking to cheap out on fuel bills while still maintaining your quality of life, then the new Mazda CX-5 could be driving right up your alley.

These days, nearly every car shopper places good — no, better make that excellent — fuel economy atop their must-have lists, without sacrificing roominess and comfort in the process.

Well, for the 2013 model year, which begins right about now for Mazda, the CX-5 could do the trick.

Replacing the long-standing Ford Escape-based Mazda Tribute wagon, this brand new five-seater becomes the smallest of Mazda's tall-wagon models, a group that includes the CX-7 (also a five-seater) and seven-passenger CX-9. But the CX-5 might just be the best looking of the bunch and has Mazda's evolving look, that will eventually spread to the entire lineup.

The CX-5's curvaceous shape is best viewed from the front, where you'll notice a neatly-shaped sloping hood and expressive (as opposed to the more controversial smiley-face) grille.

With the proliferation of brand new, or nearly-new, models in the compact tall-wagon segment, Mazda's timing with the CX-5 couldn't be better.

League-leading fuel economy and a great entry price don't have to take the place of getting a stylish and well-equipped vehicle — they can be part of it.

The CX-7 might still have the styling edge over the new CX-5 but the 5's dash layout is much more modern.

For buyers who are downsizing but don't want to give up all the comforts, the CX-5 includes navigation and leather- options.

By comparison

1 Ford Escape
Base price: $23,100

2 Honda CR-V
Base price: $27,600

3 Chevrolet Equinox
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STEVEN REIVE
Wheelbase Media

There's something about this clutch that's different. Maybe even a little weird.

For starters, it's a whole bunch stiffer than a clutch pedal in a normal car.

"We're empty, so start off in low range on the low split of second gear." Frank Porter's voice is confident, relaxing and even, which is expected from a man with more than 40 years experience behind the wheel of rigs like this.

We're in Quebec today, on a lonely stretch called Highway 389 that's about 1,000 kilometres northeast of Quebec City. (For the route, enter this address into your Web browser: http://tinyurl.com/cekhvxs).

Easing out the clutch, the 450-horsepower 12.8-litre Detroit Diesel's 1,650 pound-feet of torque begins to churn in tandem with the rear wheels.

Under Frank's guidance I work through the gears of the 18-speed Eaton Fuller transmission, "splitting" each gear through the "H" shift pattern with a switch on the side of the shifter. There's more, though. You have to flip the switch on the front of the shifter up into "high range," simultaneously moving the shifter back to the second gear position ... and do it all again, splitting each of the high-range gears.

Quote

"The cab sits high enough that you can actually look down at the drivers of passing 18-wheelers. The proverbial "high horse" indeed."

After a lot of rowing, 18th gear is finally here and I get to move my laser-like gaze from the tachometer and the road ahead to the speedometer. Wooohoooo, a whopping 80 km/h, which is actually plenty of speed for this snow-and ice-packed umbilical cord that reaches out to Labrador City in Newfoundland and Labrador.

It's my second day on the road with Frank Porter, a professional truck driver, and Luke Thompson, who's a Western Star truck sales consultant — a guy I've known for years.

Luke has sold a lot-full of big, serious Western Star trucks to customers in Labrador City and there is only one way to get them there. Drive from wherever to Baie-Comeau, a town on the north shore of the Saint Lawrence River, 400 kilometres northeast of Quebec City, then head north on Quebec's infamous Highway 389 to the middle of nowhere.

Midway through that desolate road is precisely where I find myself behind the wheel of a new-but-filthy Western Star 4800TS dump truck. The "TS" stands for twin-steer which uses tandem front steering axles. Because of this, the cab sits high enough that you can actually look down at the drivers of passing 18-wheelers. The proverbial "high horse" indeed.

This trip is different than any of the media junkets I've been on where a gaggle of auto writers are pampered and hosted while they try out new products in controlled environments. I'm the only scribe on this trip and it's trial by fire on this road.

With a conventional three-person cab, our luggage was wrapped in heavy-duty green garbage bags and heaved into the massive 6.5-metre-long dump box capable of carrying 21 tons of earth, rock, sand, salt or whatever bulky stuff needs to be moved somewhere.

"What's the filet of this run, your favourite part?" I ask Luke after switching trucks.

"The sign that says Labrador City 25 kilometres," he laughs.

Route 389 is a brute of a road that runs almost 600 kilometres north from Baie-Comeau to Fermont, Québec, at the Labrador border. Then it's a short distance along the Labrador Highway to Labrador City.

We made friends on the road to Labrador with heavy-haul guys flat-bedding a disassembled mining truck on that one-way northern trek that most equipment takes to booming Labrador. Of course, they are driving Western Star trucks — the big 600-horsepower 4900-model tractors that make our twin steer dumpers look like Labrador sports cars.

We leapfrog each other all morning and meet again at the halfway fuel stop and restaurant.

After coffee, I climb back behind the wheel of Frank Porter's truck, strap in and start working the gears under his watchful eye. Shift, split, shift, split, go for high range.

"The longest way around is the shortest way there," says Frank who is filling me with stories of his career in the trucking world that has earned him two Safety Council Million Mile Awards for mishap-free driving.

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After a while with Frank, I move back into the passenger's seat of Luke Thompson's truck. Approaching Labrador City, I feel the usual bliss of safely reaching the destination but also sadness that the roving driver-training session on the road to Labrador is over.

"Just sold two more rigs up here!" Luke advises checking his email when we pull up at the Two Seasons Motel in Labrador City.

"Looks like we'll be doing this again in the next month or so."

"More serious trucks for serious roads," I nod, in anticipation of another big truck driving lesson.

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It enjoyed a successful sales life while turning many first-time car shoppers onto the Hyundai brand. For shoppers after a cheap-to-run compact on a budget, Accent was hard to beat.

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Common Issues

Check your used Accent's clutch for slippage or signs of wear, as some owners have reported having to replace it early on. If the model you're driving has a manual transmission and exhibits any clutch chatter or slippage, move to another unit, or negotiate for a new clutch. A check-engine light may be caused by a bad emissions system component. Be sure to determine and remedy any check-engine lights before agreeing to purchase.

Have a Hyundai mechanic check the underside of your potential used Accent for signs of a leak from the transaxle.

If the power windows appear to move slowly or 'chatter' on their way up or down, the involved window regulator may be on its way out.

Other than a few minor issues, this generation of Accent looks to be reliable — especially if well maintained.

Engine

All Accent models got a 1.6-litre four-cylinder engine with variable valve timing and 110 horsepower. A four-speed automatic or five-speed manual attached it to the front wheels.

What Owners Like

Most Accent owners rate the styling, spaciousness, ride quality and handling of their machines highly. Many report positively on fuel mileage as well. Performance looks adequate with the manual transmission on board. Good manoeuvrability and an easy-driving character round out the package.

What Owners Dislike

A sub-par factory audio system, high highway revs and easily-scratched interior plastics are among this generation of Accent's most common complaints.

Verdict

Other than a few minor issues, this generation of Accent looks to be reliable — especially if well maintained. A healthy model should offer up a pleasant and thrifty driving experience and lower-than-average used prices.

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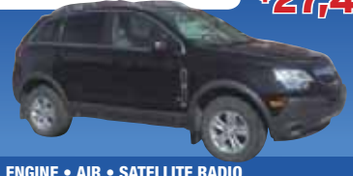

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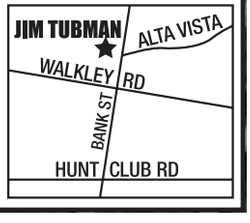

Driving a self-driving car is a conundrum wrapped in an enigma

Autopilot

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Whenever I ride shotgun I tend toward second-guessing the driver and twitching in my seat.

So imagine me sitting behind the steering wheel of a "self-driving" car while it is being driven by a computer. And a computer I've never even met!

But, not surprisingly, the Cadillac SRX stays on its course around the big oval at GM's Milford Proving Grounds with expert facility. And well it should, equipped as it is, with enough computer hardware and software to run a small space program.

The SRX is GM's latest in a long series of "self-driving" vehicle prototypes. Its first one was built way back in the late 1950s, and was also a Cadillac (the 1959 Cadillac Cyclone concept). The SRX version is a lot closer to being a production reality.

Before we were chauffeured in the SRX by software and sensors, Dr. Alan Taub, GM's vice-president of Global Research & Development, confirmed that some form of autonomous driving will be available by the end of this decade.

He noted that the minute we started trying to prevent crashes, through such systems as ABS and stability control, we started on the path toward a self-driving car.

Today, many cars can not only alert and assist the driver to avoid a crash, they can also intervene on our behalf to avoid a crash. The technology that enables "not crashing" is the same for self-driving vehicles. They include sensors, braking and steering wheel actuators, software, cameras, radar and satellite navigation.

Look ma, no hands! GM is working to bring this prototype to our roads. CONTRIBUTED

The concept of a future without a human behind the wheel is sure to raise the ire of driving enthusiasts and control freaks the world over. But before you start assembling with the intent of storming the GM proving grounds with pitchforks, take heed that Dr. Taub has also gone on record saying that everyone should experience the joy of driving, so if there is autonomous driving in GM's future, it will be equipped with an "on and off" switch.

GM says a better way of picturing this "on and off" switch is to think of it as a "super cruise control" button. Like regular cruise, it would only be engaged in certain situations, like extended stretches on appropriate and/or designated highways, and would not replace the human driver for the vast majority of driving situations.

For one thing, the SRX prototype's current technology needs to pick up the lane marking on the roadway, with its suite of on-board cameras. So a dirt road, a snow-covered road, or a rainy day will immediately put the kibosh on autonomous driving.

But the experimental SRX "self" brakes, accelerate and steer fairly smoothly, a lot more smoothly, in fact, than my Uncle Joe ever drove. And other than the big stack of computers in the cargo area — and the extra exposed wiring — it looks pretty much like a regular Cadillac SRX.

A production self-driving SRX, however, will require another advance in sensor technology.

"You couldn't do it with today's sensors, it's going to be tomorrow's," said GM engineer Eric Raphael, who has the big job of researching how to "productionize" a future self-driving Cadillac.

He also happened to being riding shotgun during my "self-drive" drive and never flinched once.

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Across

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5 BLT topper
9 Spot on a domino
12 Vicinity
13 The yoke's on them
14 Equal (Prefix)
15 Theater balcony
17 Buddhist sect
18 Performances
19 Demolished
21 Chaplain
24 Rice-A- —
25 Saharan
26 Trimmed with wide ruffles
30 Emerald City VIP
31 Disgusting
32 Lawyers' org.
33 City of Galilee
35 Teensy bit
36 "Dies —"
37 Sustained hum
38 Star of Cygnus
40 Prompted
42 Have bills
43 Techno-jargon
48 More (Sp.)
49 Actor Morales
50 Littlest of the litter
51 Em halves
52 Actress Diana
53 Remain

Down

1 Block the flow
2 Rage
3 "— who?"
4 Sand trap, e.g.
5 Billings' st.
6 Line of symmetry
7 Longing
8 Burdensome
9 Played without a bow
10 "Gotcha"
11 Walden, for one
16 Expert
20 Massachusetts cape
21 Chess soldier
22 La Scala showstopper
23 Vertigo
24 — Hashanah
26 Gratis
27 Parcel of land
28 Black, in verse
29 Knighted woman
31 Snatched
34 Exist
35 Intense feelings
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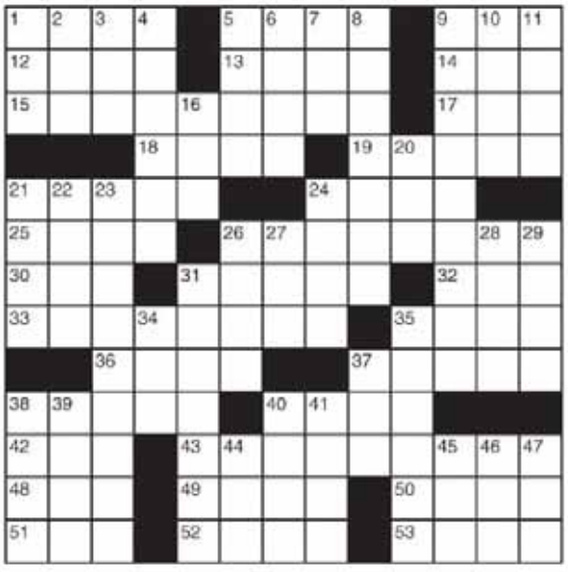
47 Pigs' home



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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	2	5	8	4	6	3	1	9
9	1	8	2	7	3	6	5	4
3	6	4	9	1	5	7	8	2
4	3	1	6	8	9	2	7	5
8	5	6	4	2	7	1	9	3
2	9	7	5	3	1	4	6	8
5	7	9	3	6	2	8	4	1
6	4	3	1	5	8	9	2	7
1	8	2	7	9	4	5	3	6

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

DN KLR ZDJC UN LWBSFTMZA LTX T BTQR UNNASYDJC, HUWQX LR FR MTQQRX KLR SYDJMR UN HLTQRA?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN SOMEONE ANSWERS "NO" TO "WILL YOU MARRY ME?", I SUPPOSE THAT'S PROPOSITION OPPOSITION.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals F

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. You may think the world is against you but it's just that you have allowed a minor event to morph into a major issue in your mind.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Leave well alone today, especially on the work front where, if you make unnecessary changes, the results may not be to your liking.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Some will criticize you no matter what do, so you might as well ignore them and just get on with it.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You take it personally when people change their minds and upset your plans, but don't be so sensitive.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Today, if someone says something unjust, or even abusive, your best move is to laugh it off.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. The reason you don't get along with a certain person is not because you are so different but because you are so very much the same.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You'll go over the top and say things you don't really mean, and you'll hate yourself for it when you calm down, but it's no big deal.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Don't promise that you'll do something today unless you are certain you are in a position to deliver.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. If you cut corners or take shortcuts in any way, shape or form today, you will pay the price a little bit further down the line.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You will try to bluff your way out of an embarrassing situation today, but you won't succeed.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you are told something in confidence today don't rush out and tell everyone else. If it gets out, no one will confide in you again.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Whatever else you do today don't try to compete with rivals and enemies on their low level. SALLY BROMPTON

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Selena

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